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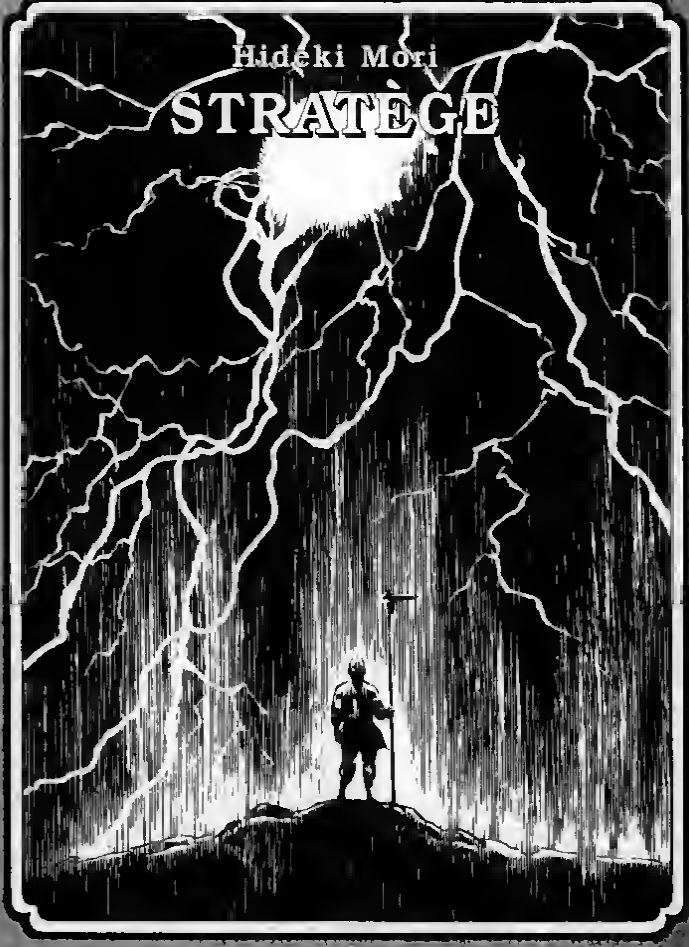

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THE SECRET WEAPON

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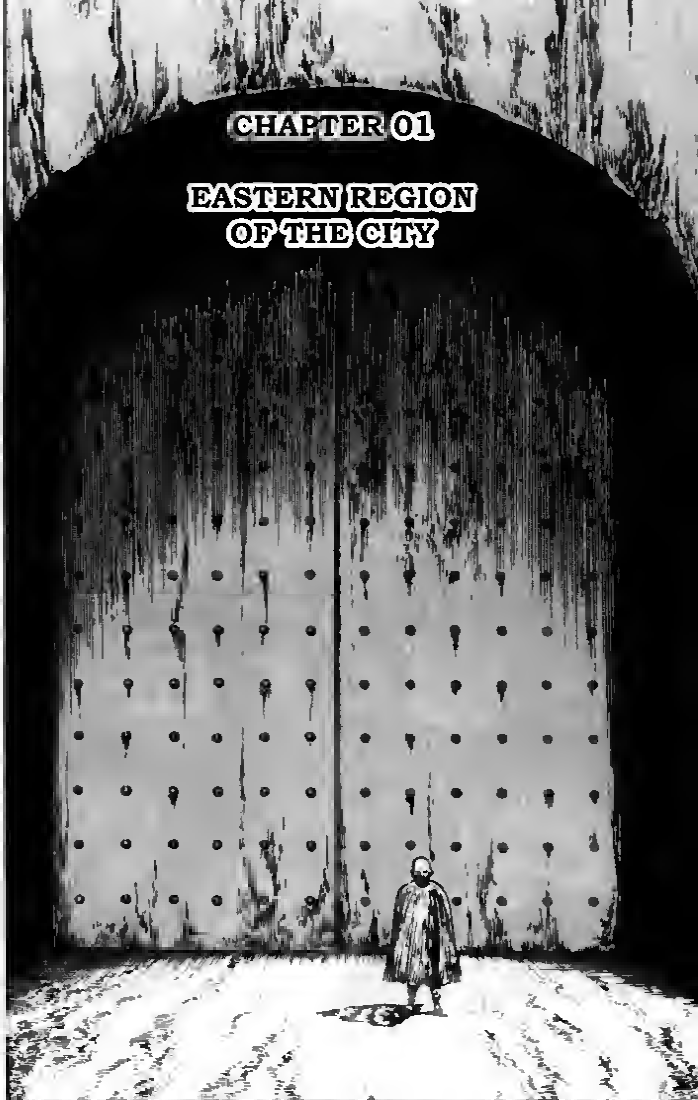
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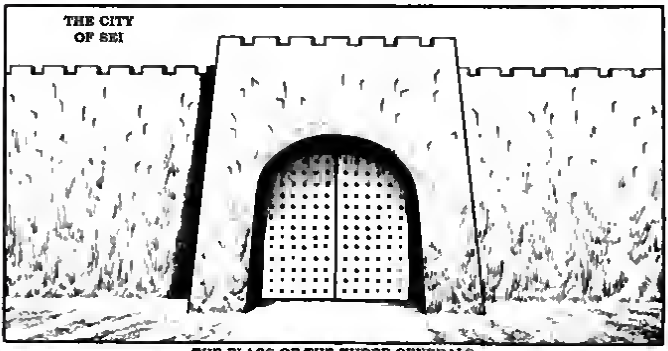

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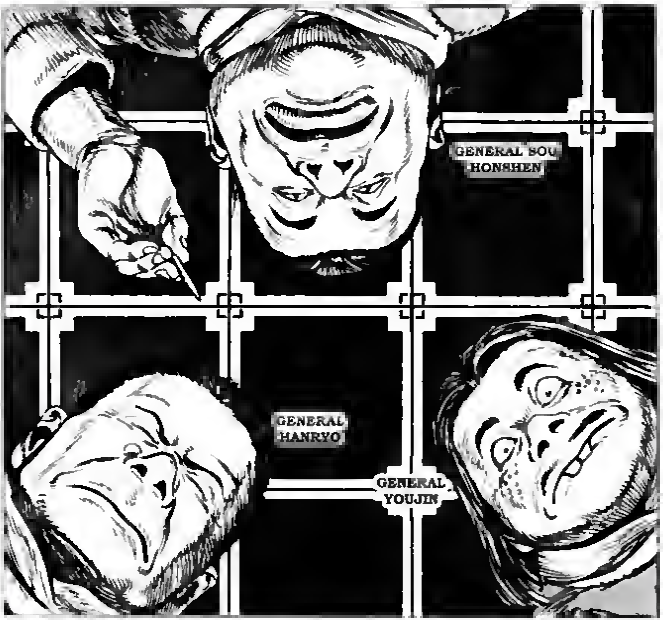
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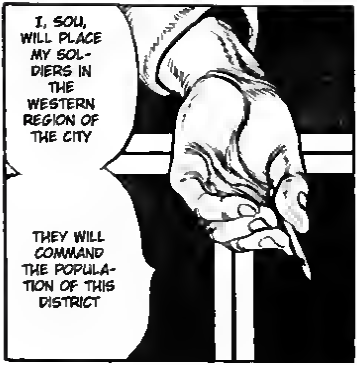
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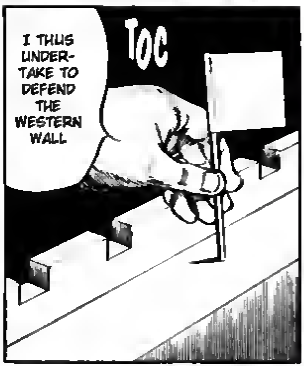
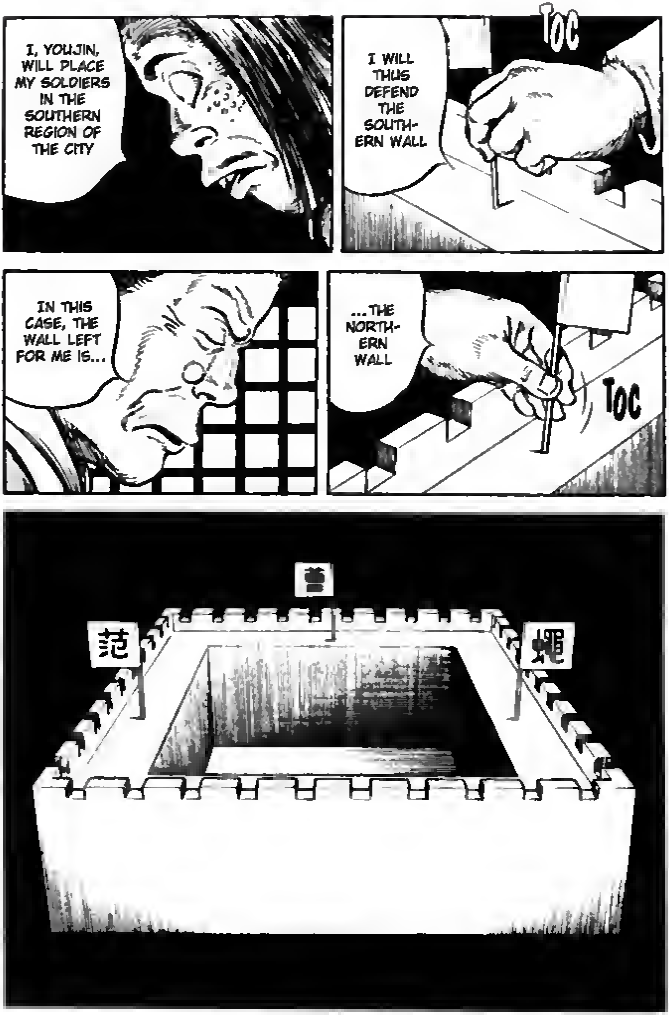
THEY WILL COMMAND THE POPULATION OF THIS DISTRICT


I THUS UNDERTAKE TO DEFEND THE WESTERN WALL
TOC


I, YOUJIN, WILL PLACE MY SOLDIERS IN THE SOUTHERN REGION OF THE CITY
I WILL THUS DEFEND THE SOUTH-ERN WALL
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IN THIS CASE, THE WALL LEFT FOR ME IS...
...THE NORTH-ERN WALL
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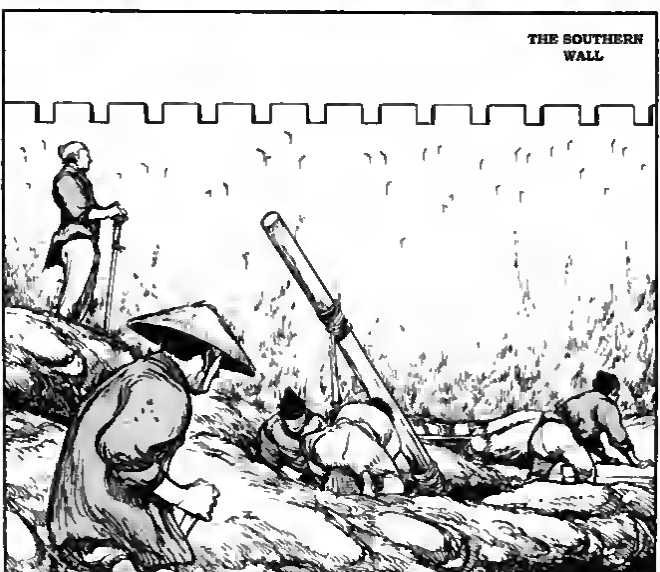
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE EASTERN WALL!
SINCE IT IS RIGHT BETWEEN THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN WALL...
HUM
THAT TASK SHOULD BE LEFT AT YOUR COMMAND
IMPOSSIBLE!
MY MEN WILL BE BUSY WITH THE NORTHERN WALL!
SOU, THE WESTERN REGIONS OF THE CITY HAVE LOTS OF GOOD CRAFTSMEN AND BRAVE NOBLE LORDS FOR THE COMBAT,
YOU SHOULD ALSO HELP DEFEND THE EASTERN WALL!
DON'T BE STUPID, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE
YOU CAN'T DEFEND TWO WALLS SO FAR APART AT THE SAME TIME!
UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN'T DO IT EITHER!
ME NEITHER!

BAYA
BAYA
BAYA
BAYA
KOBU
I'VE HEARD THEY'VE APPOINTED NEW GENERAL...
BAYA
BAYA
THERE ARE THREE OF THEM!
WHAT! THREE ?
I CAN FINALLY FEEL SOME RELIEF!
SINCE THE DEATH OF GENERAL SHANU, I'VE BEEN NERVOUS
BUT NOW, WE'LL DEFEAT SHIN NO MATTER WHAT THEY DO!

YEAH, THAT JUST GOES TO SHOW THAT THERE ISN'T A SINGLE ONE OF THEM WHO'LL BE ABLE TO GET THEIR TRUST BY HIMSELF
OOOO
THE SOLDIERS OF SHIN MIGHT ATTACK TOMORROW.. EVEN TODAY, WHO KNOWS?
MEANWHILE, THEY DO NOTHING BUT GOSSIP!


THE SOUTHERN WALL

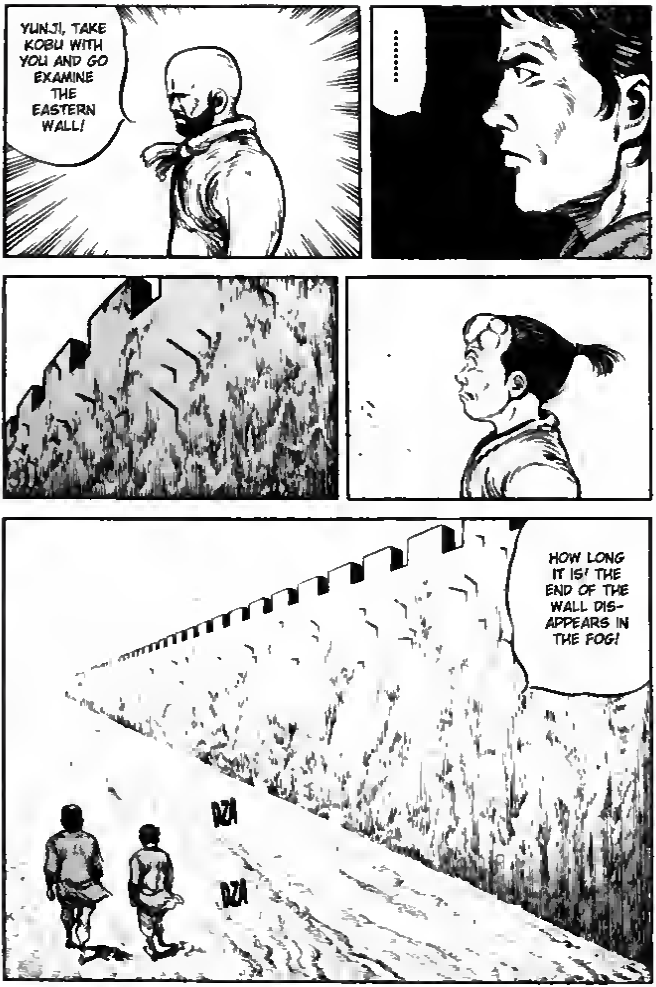
YUNJI!
HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE NEW GENERALS?
YES, EVERYONE HAS BEEN INFORMED!
WHY WASN'T KAKURI APPOINTED?
QUIET... KEEP YOUR TONGUE STRAIGHT!

DZA
DZA
HE'S BEEN IN A BAD MOOD SINCE THIS MORNING!
MISTER KAKURI!
THE THREE GENERALS HAVE REQUESTED YOUR PRESENCE!
IF THEY WANT TO SPEAK TO ME, THEY'LL HAVE TO COME HERE!
LOOK AT HIM, HE IS REALLY ANGRY!

.....
WHAT THEY WANTED TO SAY WAS.... THE THREE GENERALS HAVE DECIDED TO DEFEND ONE WALL EACH
THEY WANT TO ENTRUST THE FOURTH TO YOU
DZA
DZA
A WALL?!?

WHICH ONE?
THE EASTERN ONE!
WOO HOO!
YOU WILL HAVE THE SAME AUTHORITY AS THE OTHER GENERALS!
AND... HOW MANY SOLDIERS HAVE I BEEN GIVEN?
AH, THAT... WELL, THERE'S JUST TOO MUCH WORK TO DO ON THE OTHER THREE WALLS...
YOU WILL HAVE TO GET THE POPULATION OF THE EASTERN REGIONS TO HELP YOU!

WHAT, NOT A SINGLE SOLDIER ?
WHAT A JOKE!
HUM, THE EASTERN WALL... WE SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT IT FIRST...
ALL RIGHT, BEFORE WE ACCEPT, I WISH TO SPEAK WITH THE THREE GENERALS!
YOU TWO, DO YOU KNOW WHICH DISTRICT IT IS?
I HAVEN'T BEEN THERE
IN FACT, I DON'T KNOW IN WHICH REGION WE ARE RIGHT NOW.


YUNJI, TAKE KOBU WITH YOU AND GO EXAMINE THE EASTERN WALL!
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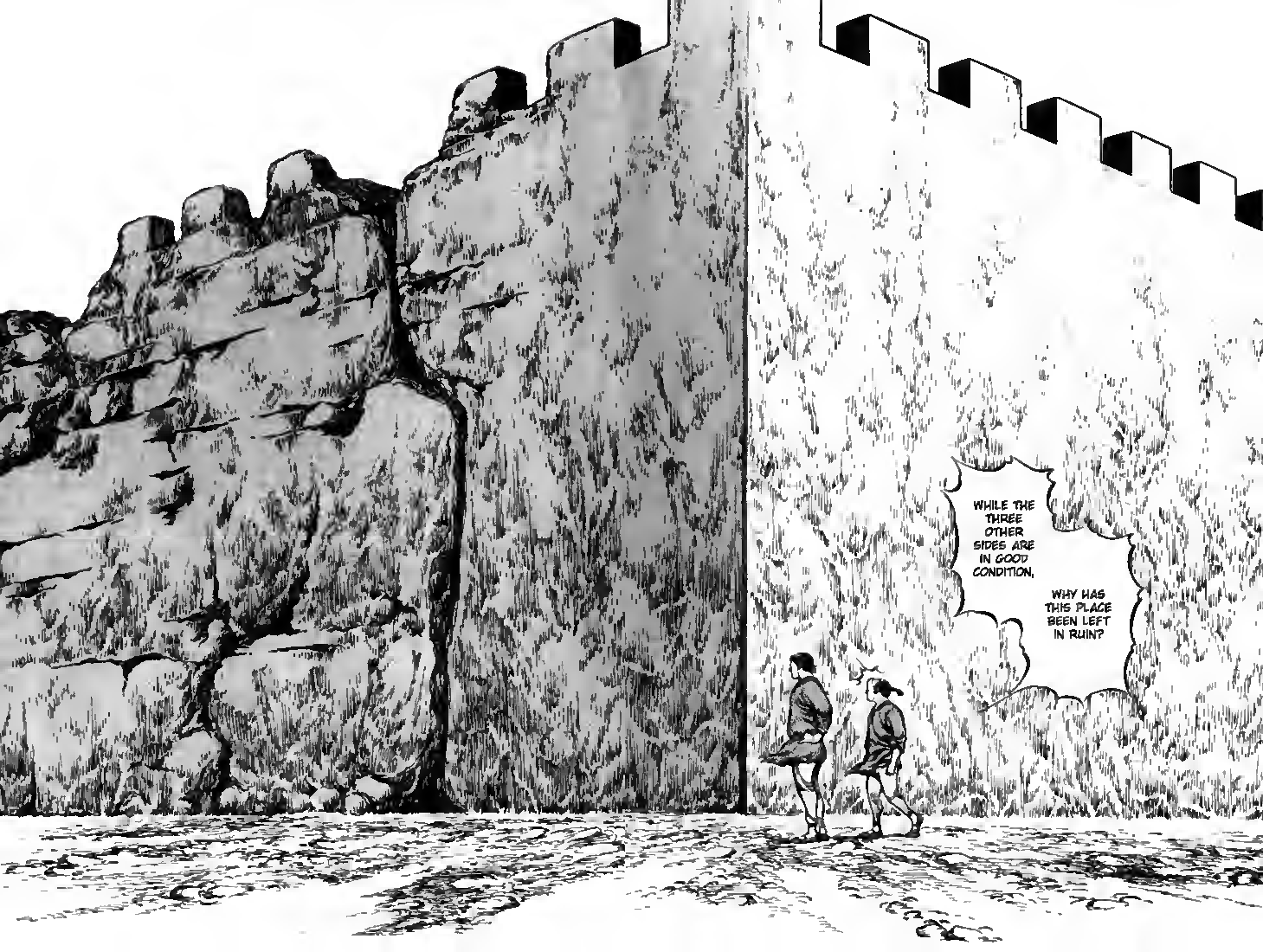
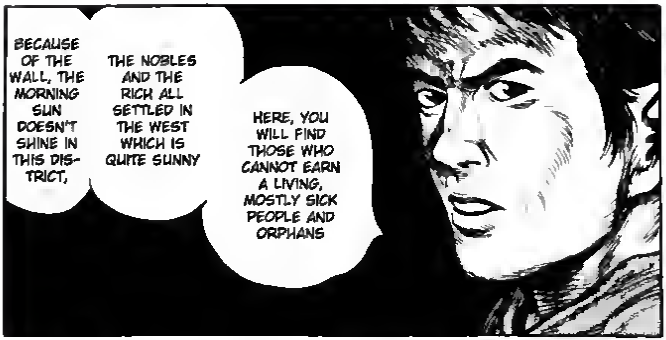
HOW LONG IT IS! THE END OF THE WALL DIS-APPEARS IN THE FOG!
DZI
DZI

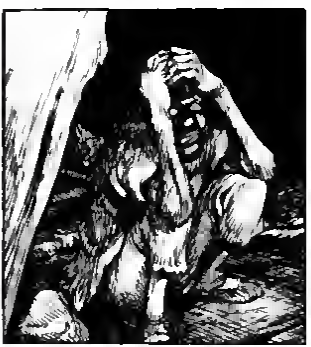
SHSHSH
DZZZ
TAH

SWSHSH
DZZZ
WOW, WHAT A LIVELY GIRL!
SHE WOULD IMPRESS A BEAR!
DZA
DZA
DZA
AND HERE'S THE EAST SIDE!

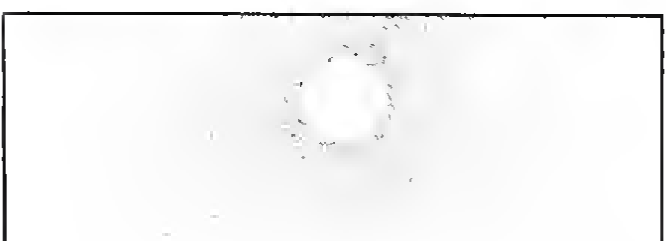

WHILE THE THREE OTHER SIDES ARE IN GOOD CONDITION,
WHY HAS THIS PLACE BEEN LEFT IN RUIN?

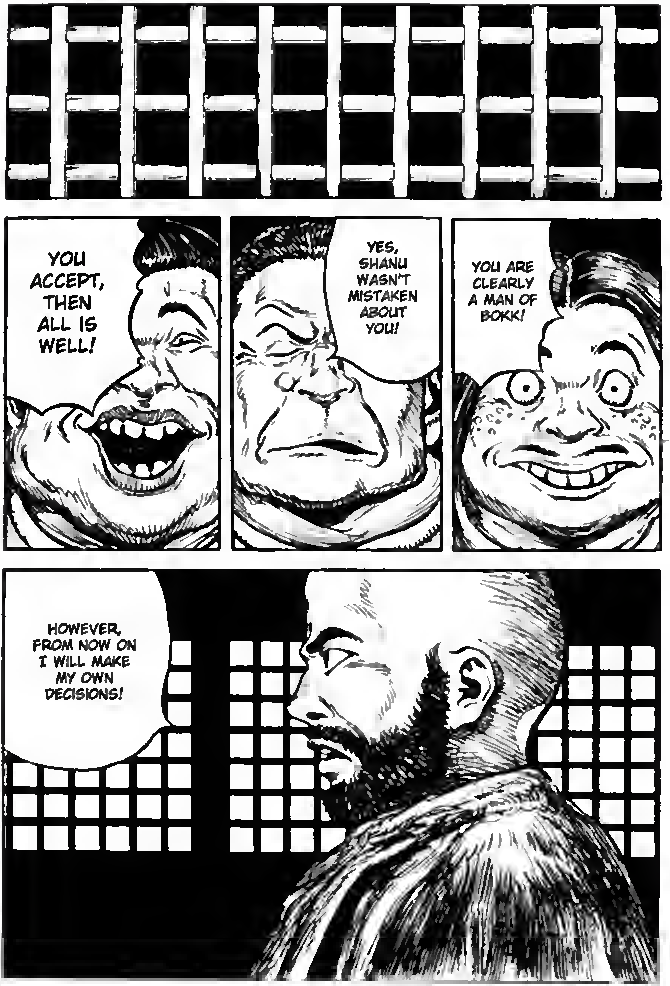
IF I WAS IN CHARGE OF SHIN'S ARMY, I WOULD'VE ATTACKED HERE!
THAT'S WHY THEY WILL LET KAKURI DEFEND THIS PLACE!
THE EASTERN DISTRICT
WHAT A HORRID STENCH, I COULD NEVER HAVE THOUGHT
THAT THERE WAS A PLACE LIKE THIS IN SEI


BECAUSE OF THE WALL, THE MORNING SUN DOESN'T SHINE IN THIS DISTRICT,
THE NOBLES AND THE RICH ALL SETTLED IN THE WEST WHICH IS QUITE SUNNY
HERE, YOU WILL FIND THOSE WHO CANNOT EARN A LIVING, MOSTLY SICK PEOPLE AND ORPHANS



WITH SUCH WEAK PEOPLE,
HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY DEFEND THIS WALL? KAKURI SHOULDN'T ACCEPT THIS TASK




YOU ACCEPT, THEN ALL IS WELL!
YES, SHANU WASN'T MISTAKEN ABOUT YOU!
YOU ARE CLEARLY A MAN OF BOKK!
HOWEVER, FROM NOW ON I WILL MAKE MY OWN DECISIONS!

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THE PLOT

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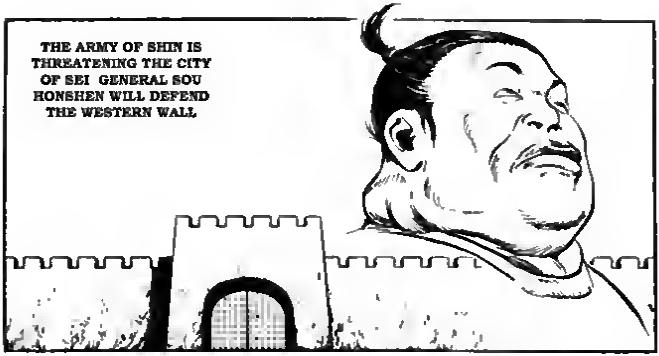
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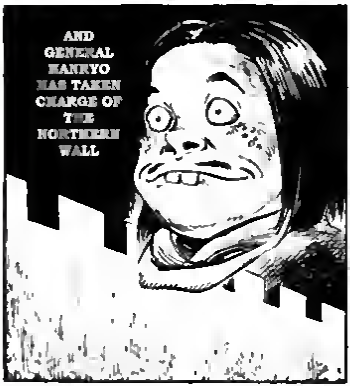
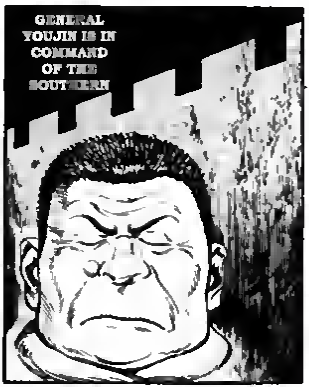
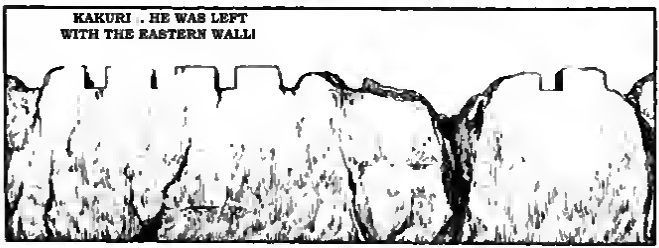
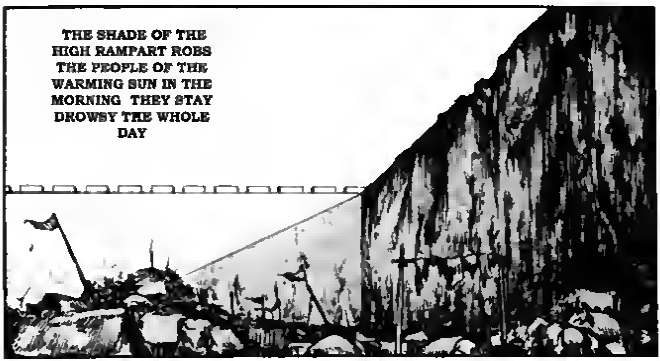
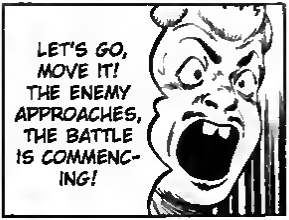

AND GENERAL HANRYO HAS TAKEN CHARGE OF THE NORTHERN WALL


GENERAL YOUJIN IS IN COMMAND OF THE SOUTHERN


KAKURI . HE WAS LEFT WITH THE EASTERN WALL!


THE SHADE OF THE HIGH RAMPART ROBS THE PEOPLE OF THE WARMING SUN IN THE MORNING THEY STAY DROWSY THE WHOLE DAY

ATTENTION EVERYONE! SHIN'S ARMY WILL SURELY ATTACK THIS WALL FIRST
LET US JOIN FORCES AND REPAIR THE WALL!


LET'S GO, MOVE IT! THE ENEMY APPROACHES, THE BATTLE IS COMMENCING!

ON YOUR FEET!

THIS AIN'T FAIR
THEIR BRAINS MUST'VE ROTTED!

LET THEM BE, THE OUTCOME OF THE BATTLE DOESN'T DEPEND ON THESE PEOPLE!

HUH, WHAT?

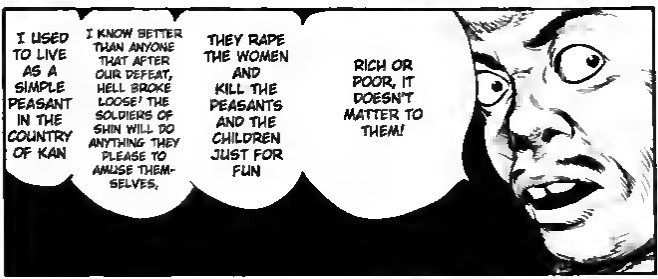
THE RICH PEOPLE ON THE OTHER SIDE ARE FURIOUS
BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID TO LOSE EVERYTHING THEY OWN, BUT..
WE WHO LIVE HERE, WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE

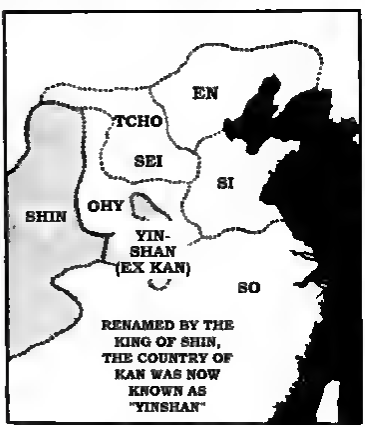
UNTIL RECENTLY, THEY HAVEN'T GIVEN A SHIT ABOUT US! AND NOW, WHEN WE'RE ON THE BRINK OF WAR, THEY START TO SHOUT: "JOIN US! ALL TOGETHER NOW!" AIN'T THAT JUST A BIT TOO EASY?
.....
DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT WINNING THIS WOULD ACTUALLY CHANGE OUR SITUATION?!?
WHAT COULD WE POSSIBLY GAIN?!?
KAKURI, REACT GODDAMN IT! SAY SOMETHING!
HE IS RIGHT,
WE'RE ASKING FOR TOO MUCH

THE THREE GENERALS REMAIN ON THE OTHER SIDE WHERE THEY DON'T RISK ANYTHING
DAMN IDIOTS! WE'VE ALREADY LOST THIS WAR!
HEY, SHOULD YOU REALLY SAY STUFF LIKE THAT?
YOU MIGHT SAY SO KAKURI, BUT WE DON'T TRUST YOU EITHER,
WE TRUST NO ONE BUT OURSELVES!
DZA
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

FUZEN!

SINCE THEY TRUST YOU, THEN LISTEN CAREFULLY TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY!


I USED TO LIVE AS A SIMPLE PEASANT IN THE COUNTRY OF KAN
I KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE THAT AFTER OUR DEFEAT, HELL BROKE LOOSE! THE SOLDIERS OF SHIN WILL DO ANYTHING THEY PLEASE TO AMUSE THEMSELVES,
THEY RAPE THE WOMEN AND KILL THE PEASANTS AND THE CHILDREN JUST FOR FUN
RICH OR POOR, IT DOESN'T MATTER TO THEM!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RENAMED BY THE KING OF SHIN, THE COUNTRY OF KAN WAS NOW KNOWN AS "YINSHAN"

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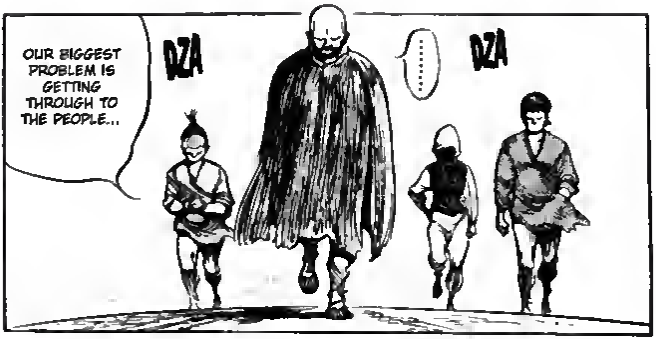
OUR BIGGEST PROBLEM IS GETTING THROUGH TO THE PEOPLE...
DZA
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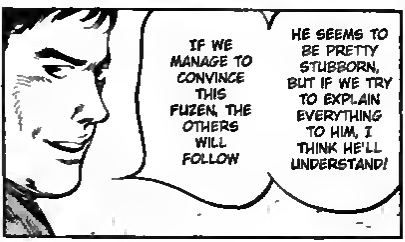
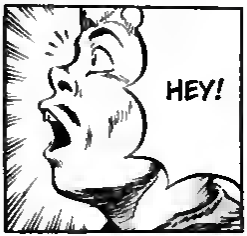
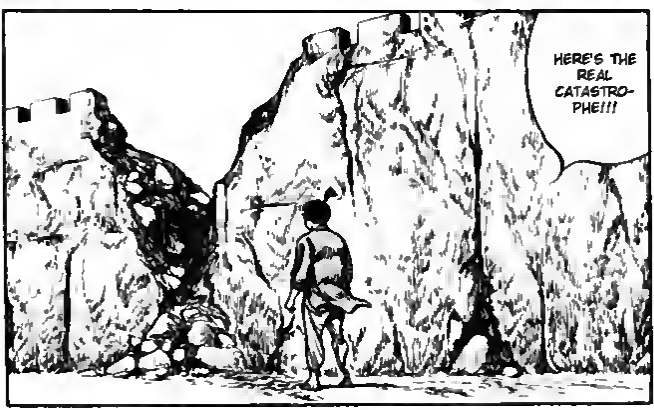
DZA


IF WE MANAGE TO CONVINCE THIS FUZEN, THE OTHERS WILL FOLLOW
HE SEEMS TO BE PRETTY STUBBORN, BUT IF WE TRY TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO HIM, I THINK HE'LL UNDERSTAND!


HEY!


HERE'S THE REAL CATASTRO-PHE!!!

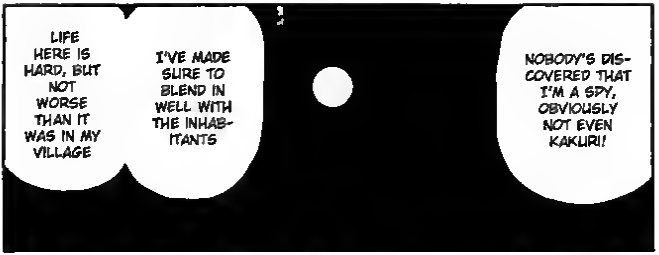
IF THIS PLACE ISN'T REPAIRED SOON, WE'LL BE AS GOOD AS DEAD!
HUH? SHALL WE REPAIR THE WALL? AND OBEY KAKURI'S ORDERS?

NO, WE'LL ONLY PRETEND TO DO THAT,
SO THAT HE WON'T FIND OUT ABOUT OUR PLOT!
THAT MEANS THAT WE WILL ACTUALLY CARRY OUT OUR PLOT!
OF COURSE! WHEN SHIN ATTACKS THE CITY FROM THE OUTSIDE, WE, THE PEOPLE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT, WILL ATTACK FROM WITHIN THE CITY...
AFTER SEI'S BEEN CONQUERED, WE WILL BE REGARDED AS HEROES BY THE PEOPLE OF SHIN...
SURVIVING IS NOT OUR ONLY GOAL. WE ALSO NEED TO LEAVE THIS RATHOLE AND GET THE PLACE UNDER THE SUN THAT WE DESERVE!

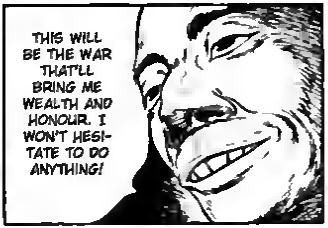
IN THE BEGINNING, WE WERE SURPRISED, BUT NOW, WE ALL AGREE. OUR DECISION HAS BEEN MADE
BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY WEAPONS, JUST A BUNCH OF STICKS!
THAT'S THAT'S WHY WE MUST OBEY KAKURI'S ORDERS,
HE WILL PROVIDE US WITH WEAPONS !
HE'S THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING, THIS FUZEN!
IT'S ALL MUCH TOO COMPLICATED FOR ME...
...BUT I'LL KEEP MY EYES CLOSED FOR YOUR SAKE!
THE EASTERN DISTRICT WOULD BE NOTHING IF IT WASN'T FOR FUZEN
WITHOUT HIM, WE'D HAVE NO HOPE!
ME, I'M NOTHING SPECIAL, ALSO, I'M NOT VERY BRAVE,
BUT IF YOU ALL FOLLOW ME, I WILL FIGHT FOR YOU ALL, EVEN IF I HAVE TO RISK MY LIFE!

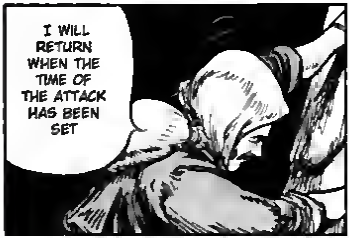
.....
LET'S GO, WE'LL REPAIR THIS WALL!
HEY, NOT SO FAST, IF OUR ATTITUDE'LL CHANGES TOO QUICKLY, WE'LL SEEM SUSPICIOUS, LET'S GO SLOW, OK?
AHAHA-HAH!!
IT'S TRUE, THE PEOPLE OF THE EAST ARE FAMOUS FOR THEIR STUPIDITY!

WHAT BEAUTIFUL MOONLIGHT!
HOW'S EVERYTHING GOING SO FAR?
YOU DON'T CARE AT ALL, DO YOU?!
GREAT, EVERYTHING'S WORKING OUT FINE...


LIFE HERE IS HARD, BUT NOT WORSE THAN IT WAS IN MY VILLAGE
I'VE MADE SURE TO BLEND IN WELL WITH THE INHABITANTS
NOBODY'S DISCOVERED THAT I'M A SPY, OBVIOUSLY NOT EVEN KAKURI!

YOU WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH MISERY, ALTHOUGH THEY'RE FOREIGNERS, DOESN'T IT STILL FEEL BAD TO MISLEAD THESE PEOPLE?


THIS WILL BE THE WAR THAT'LL BRING ME WEALTH AND HONOUR. I WON'T HESITATE TO DO ANYTHING!


I WILL RETURN WHEN THE TIME OF THE ATTACK HAS BEEN SET

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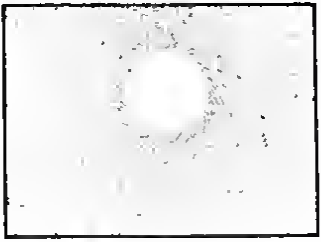

HUH? YOU'LL HELP US REPAIR THE WALL?
YES, WE'VE CHANGED OUR MINDS
YOUR SPEECH IS WHAT MADE US RETHINK THE SITUATION
OH !
SO, I FINALLY GOT THROUGH TO YOU!
SNIF
THANK YOU, KOBU!

KAKURI! THE PEOPLE ARE NO LONGER UNWILLING TO WORK!
LET'S GET TO WORK!
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TA
TA
FOLLOW ME!
TA TA TA
KAKURI, IN ORDER TO DEFEND THIS WALL WE NEED WEAPONS!
DON'T WORRY, I WILL GET ENOUGH WEAPONS FOR EVERY ONE OF YOU!

AND YOU'LL TEACH US HOW TO USE THEM?
OF COURSE!
THEN I FEEL REASSURED!
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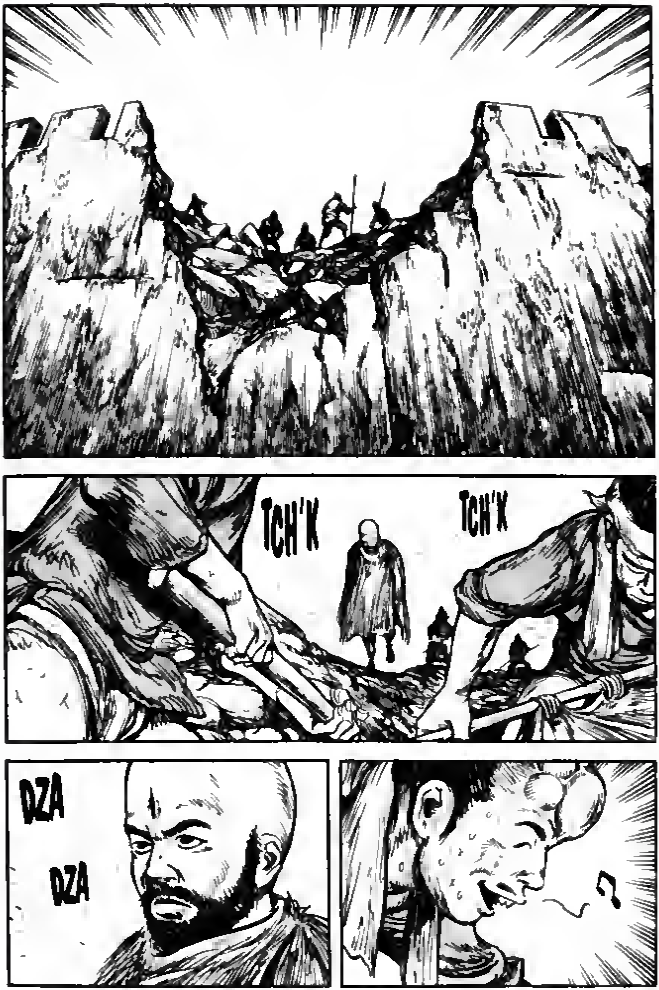
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CHAPTER 03

FUZEN THE SPY

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PATA
AAH, OW...
YOU HAVEN'T YET REACHED THE SAME LEVEL AS AN ORDINARY SOLDIER OF SHIN...
BUT YOU'VE MADE A LOT OF PROGRESS SINCE YESTERDAY
NEXT!
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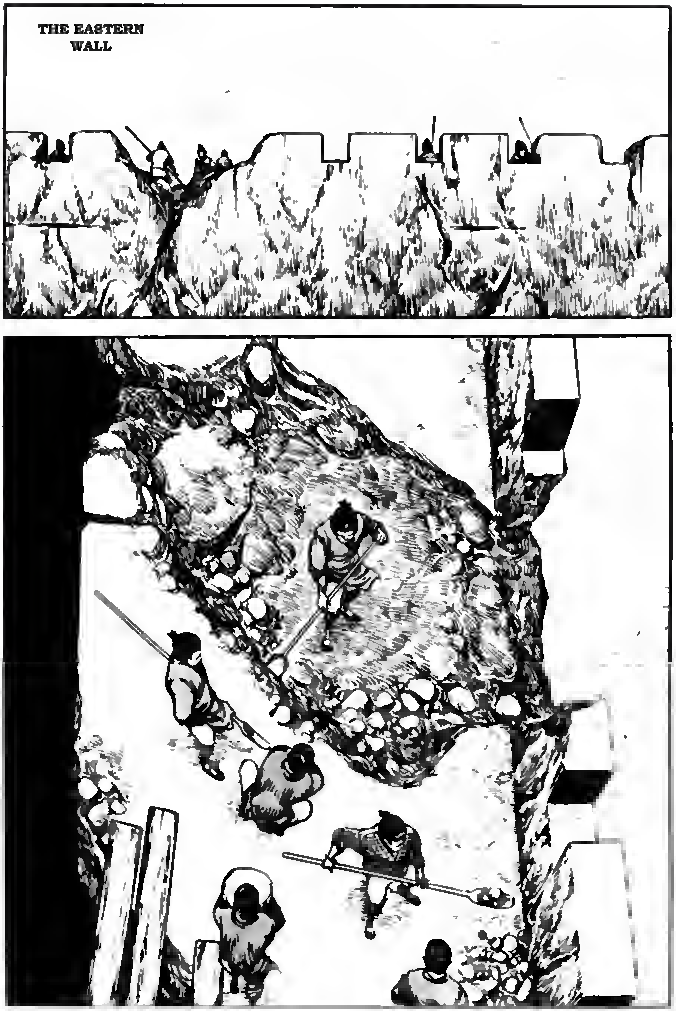
THE EASTERN
WALL

TCH'K
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FUZEN
TCH'K
PHEW!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

FIRST THE EXERCISE, THEN THE CONSTRUCTION WORK... IT'S JUST TOO MUCH
THE SOLDIERS OF SHIN SHOULD GET A MOVE ON!
IF THEY WAIT TOO LONG, THE WALL WILL REALLY BE REPAIRED!
WHAT IF WE ACT ACCORDING TO THE PLAN BUT THE SOLDIERS OF SHIN DON'T SUCCEED IN ENTERING THE CITY? THAT WOULD PUT US IN A TIGHT SPOT!

HEY, DON'T TALK ABOUT THAT!
OR ELSE KAKURI MIGHT FIND OUT ABOUT IT!
DON'T WORRY, KAKURI AND HIS PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.
THEY ARE OVER THERE, BY THE LARGE GATE!
THIS KAKURI IS QUITE NAIVE, HE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THAT HIS END IS CLOSE! HE'S THE ONE WHO PROVIDES US WITH THE WEAPONS, AND HE'S EVEN TEACHING US NOW TO USE THEM!
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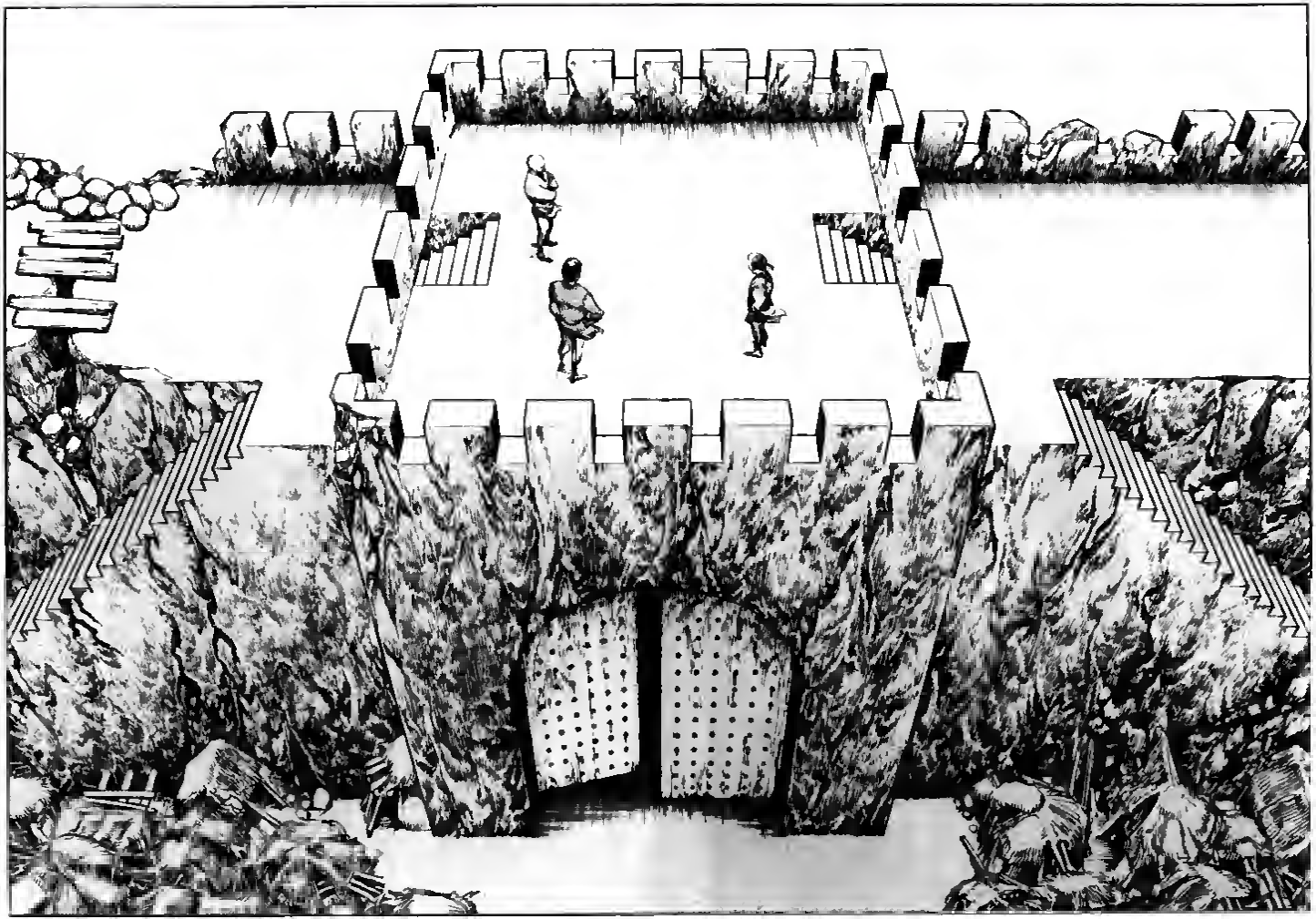

FUNNY GUY, THAT FUZEN. IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT, EVERYONE LISTENS TO HIM! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
THEY NEVER LISTEN TO ME, BUT THEY ALWAYS FOLLOW THE ORDERS OF FUZEN
ONE DAY, PERHAPS THEY WILL LISTEN TO YOU TOO..
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WHAT'S YOUR BUSINESS HERE?

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WISH TO TELL US?

THE PEOPLE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARE PREPARING A REBELLION
WHEN SHIN LAUNCHES THE ATTACK, THEY WILL ATTACK THE INTERIOR OF THE CITY
!!
A REBEL-LION?
I KNEW THERE WAS SOME-THING WRONG WITH THEIR ATTI-TUDE...
FUZEN'S THE LEADER OF THE REBEL-LION!

LIAR! FUZEN WOULD NEVER DO SUCH A THING!
I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO SAY THINGS LIKE THAT!
BUT WHO ARE YOU?
Tss
OH!
FLP
FLP

NIMAE!
BUT WHAT'S THEIR REASON FOR THIS IDIOCY?
OH YES!
YOU TWO, YOU WERE TOO RECOGNIZABLE, SO I CHOSE TO SEND NIMAE
SAY NIMAE, ARE YOU REALLY SURE ABOUT THIS STORY OF A REBELLION?
IF FUZEN IS A SPY FROM SHIN, IT WOULD EXPLAIN A LOT
SPY'S TASK IS OFTEN TO COLLECT INFORMATION BUT IT CAN ALSO BE TO MANIPULATE THE OPINION IN THE ENEMY CAMP
THE CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS DISTRICT MUST'VE MADE THIS A LOT EASIER FOR HIM

A SPY OF SHIN?!?
IN THIS DISTRICT, WHERE THE SUN RARELY SHINES, HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO HAD A TAN
I SENT NIMAE TO SPY ON HIM. THIS PROVES THAT I WASN'T MISTAKEN!
NIMAE, CONTINUE TO KEEP AN EYE ON HIM!
YES, SIR!
BE CAREFUL!
YES!

THAT FUZEN, WHAT AN ASSHOLE!
OH, KOBU!

AAH !
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
ME, NO REASON ...
THE WORK ON THE WALL ISN'T GOING TOO SMOOTHLY, BUT AS OF TOMORROW,
I WILL GET THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO HELP OUT, OKAY?

DID HE FIND OUT?
I THINK SO...
IT IS... IT IS ALL MY FAULT!
KAKURI, WHAT SHALL WE DO NOW?
EVEN IF WE TELL THE PEOPLE THE TRUTH, THEY WON'T BELIEVE US...
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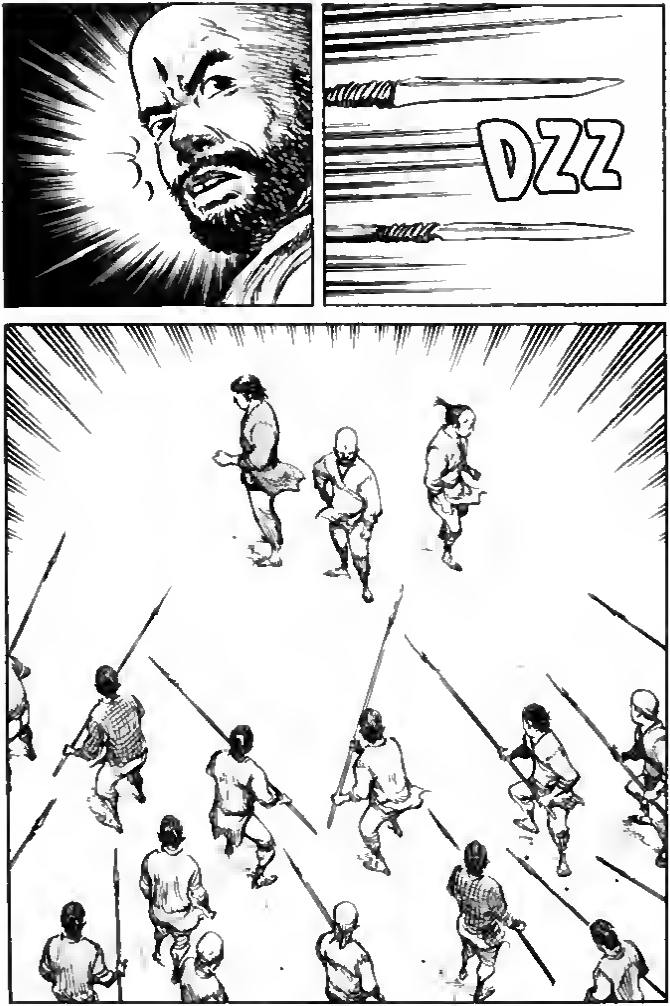
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YOU DISCOVERED OUR PLAN, WE CAN'T LET YOU LIVE!

SHIT! HE DID UNDERSTAND. HE DIDN'T EVEN HESITATE FOR A SECOND!

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THE DISGUISE

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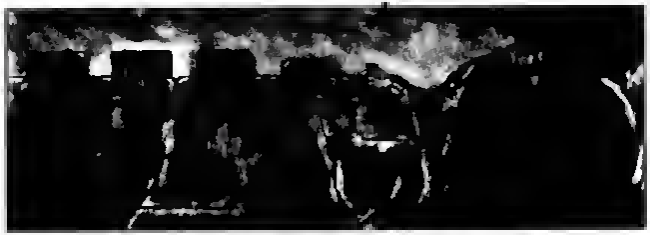

IF YOU WANT TO ESCAPE YOU'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH US!
DIE!
HE HE
FUZEN HAS FOOLED YOU,
YOU DON'T KNOW WHO HE REALLY IS...
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME, KOBU, IT'S NOT WORTH THE EFFORT!
BUT, STILL ...

IT LOOKS LIKE THEY REALLY WANT TO KILL US!
.....
DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE EXTERMI-NATION OF THE LOCUSTS?
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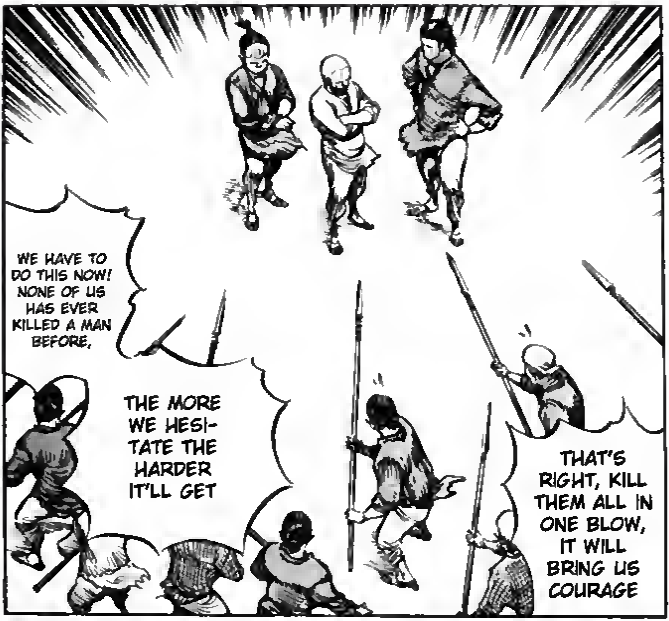
DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW I GOT RID OF THEM?
YEAH! YOU'RE TRYING TO CONFUSE US!


WE HAVE TO DO THIS NOW! NONE OF US HAS EVER KILLED A MAN BEFORE.
THE MORE WE HESI-TATE THE HARDER IT'LL GET
THAT'S RIGHT, KILL THEM ALL IN ONE BLOW, IT WILL BRING US COURAGE

ALL TOGETHER NOW!
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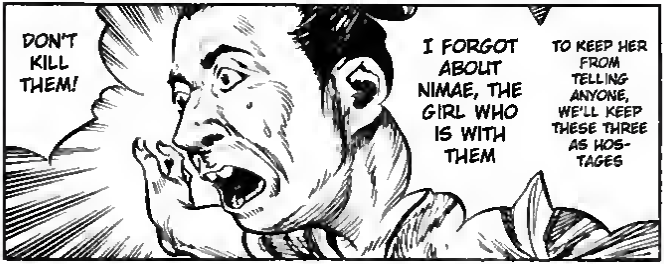
NO, WAIT!


DON'T KILL THEM!
I FORGOT ABOUT NIMAE, THE GIRL WHO IS WITH THEM
TO KEEP HER FROM TELLING ANYONE, WE'LL KEEP THESE THREE AS HOSTAGES

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AHA
PHEW!

NIMAE, I KNOW THAT YOU CAN HEAR ME!
IF YOU TELL ANYONE, YOUR THREE FRIENDS WILL DIE! YOU KNOW I WON'T HESITATE TO DO IT!
KAKURI, IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE, TELL HER TO DO AS I SAID

YOU COULD AT LEAST GIVE US SOMETHING TO EAT!
A HUMAN BEING CAN EASILY SURVIVE THREE DAYS WITHOUT EATING
AND IF YOU EAT, YOU WILL HAVE TO SHIT EVERY-WHERE,
AND YOU'RE THE ONES WHO'LL HAVE TO STAY THERE!

IT WILL RAIN TONIGHT,
YOU WILL HAVE ENOUGH WATER TO FILL YOUR STOMACHS!
GRR!
GUARD THEM WELL!
YES, SIR!
THEY STILL HAVEN'T FOUND NIMAE
WHERE IS SHE HIDING HERSELF?
I CAN'T RESTRAIN MYSELF!
DOESN'T MATTER IF THEY BELIEVE ME OR NOT, I JUST WANT TO SHOUT OUT WHAT SCUM THIS FUZEN IS!
DON'T! THEY HAVE COMPLETE TRUST IN FUZEN! WHAT WE MUST DO IS SHATTER THAT TRUST!
LET'S GIVE IT OUR BEST SHOT!

TO SHATTER THEIR TRUST?
NIANG
I HAVE A FEW THINGS TO ASK OF YOU
FIRST THING, TONIGHT, SILENCE FUZEN WITHOUT GETTING FOUND OUT!
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DZZ

BRRRM
THIS RAIN, WHAT A DOWN-POUR!
WE HAD PLANNED TO ATTACK TOMORROW, BUT NOW, IT MUST BE DELAYED!
IT'S IMPOSSI-BLE TO FIGHT ON A MUDDY BATTLEFIELD
THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM, I'VE STOPPED KAKURI...
YOU'RE SURE?
WHEN HE UNDERSTOOD THAT HIS LIFE WAS IN JEOP-ARDY, HE TRIED TO CONFUSE US WITH SOME HISTORY ABOUT LOCUSTS!
THIS BATTLE WILL BE YOUR DAY OF GLORY!

POOR BASTARDS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT!
POOR BASTARDS? PERHAPS, BUT THEY USED TO BE NOTHING BUT INSECTS, AND I GAVE THEM A DREAM OF A GREAT DESTINY!
GOOD, BY TOMOR-ROW EVENING THEN!
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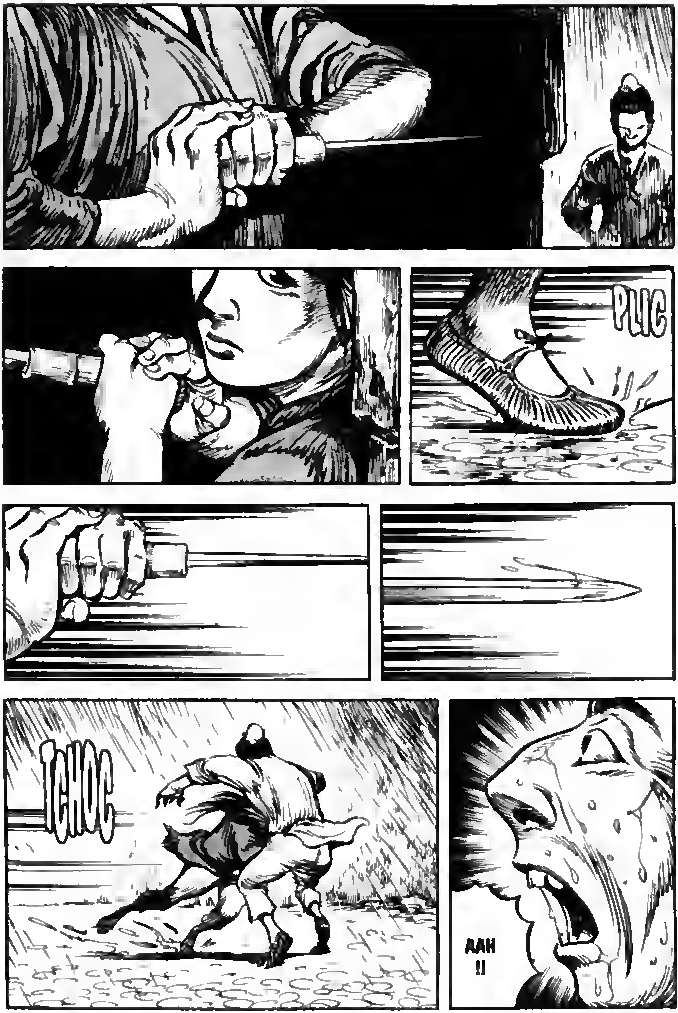
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ARHRH
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GRRR

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DZZZ
EVERY-ONE! ... GET YOUR WEAPONS! ...
PICK UP YOUR SPEARS ...!

IT'S USELESS TO SHOUT, THE SOUND OF THE RAIN COVERS YOUR VOICE!
OH ...!!
I'M NOT DEAD YET...
I WILL RETURN!
W... WAIT!
DZZZ

YESTERDAY EVENING, WHAT A DOWN-POUR!
THERE'S SOMEONE THERE!
ISN'T THAT FUZEN?
HEY, FUZEN!
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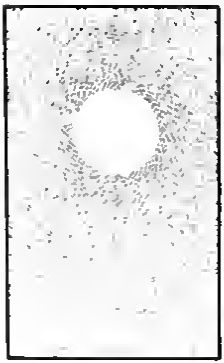
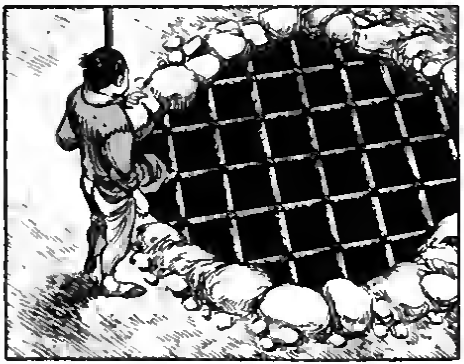
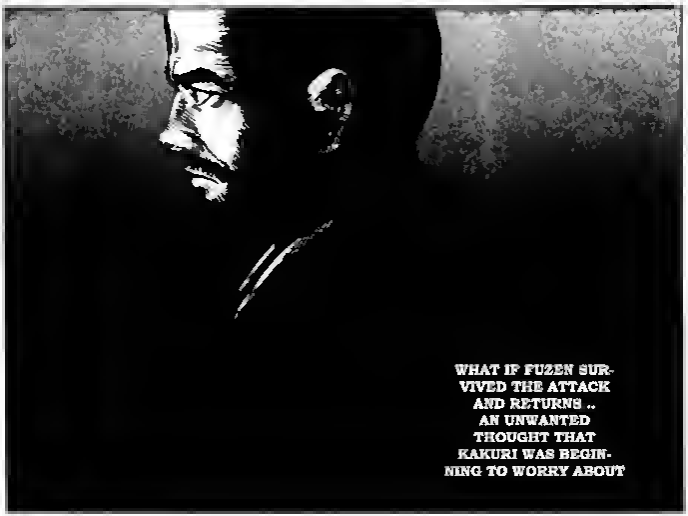
WHAT IS HE DOING?
SO THAT ...
FIRST, KILL FUZEN SECRETLY
THEN HIDE THE BODY AND, AT DAWN, DISGUISE YOURSELF AS FUZEN AND FLEE FROM THE CITY
MAKE THE PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT FUZEN WAS AFRAID TO PARTICIPATE IN HIS OWN PLAN...





I FAILED, I FOLLOWED FUZEN THROUGH THE DOWNPOUR, BUT THE RAIN WAS TOO DENSE, I LOST SIGHT OF HIM...
NO, NO, YOU WORKED WELL. YOU SUCCEEDED IN WOUNDING FUZEN SERIOUSLY. HE SURELY MUST'VE DIED BEFORE HE REACHED HIS CAMP
HOW DID THE PEOPLE TAKE IT?
THEY'VE LOST THEIR GUIDE, I BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL STOP THINKING ABOUT THE REBELLION
FUZEN, WHAT AN ASS!
HE FLED CARRYING SOME KIND OF BAG.. IT WAS PROBABLY HIS BELONGINGS!
WHAT A COWARD!
WHETHER FUZEN IS HERE OR NOT, OUR PLAN REMAINS UNCHANGED!
WE MUST STRIVE FOR A BETTER FUTURE!

WE SHOULDN'T BURDEN THE PEOPLE WITH SOMETHING LIKE THIS!
LET'S KEEP THIS SECRET FROM THE OTHERS


WHAT IF FUZEN SURVIVED THE ATTACK AND RETURNS .. AN UNWANTED THOUGHT THAT KAKURI WAS BEGINNING TO WORRY ABOUT

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THE SHADOW OF FUZEN

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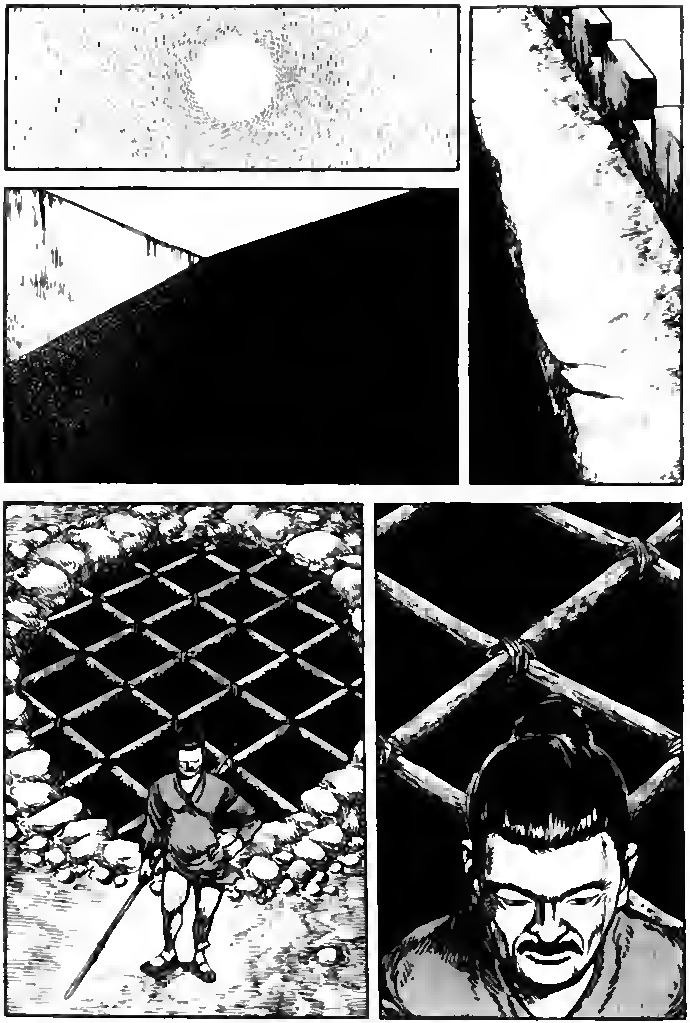
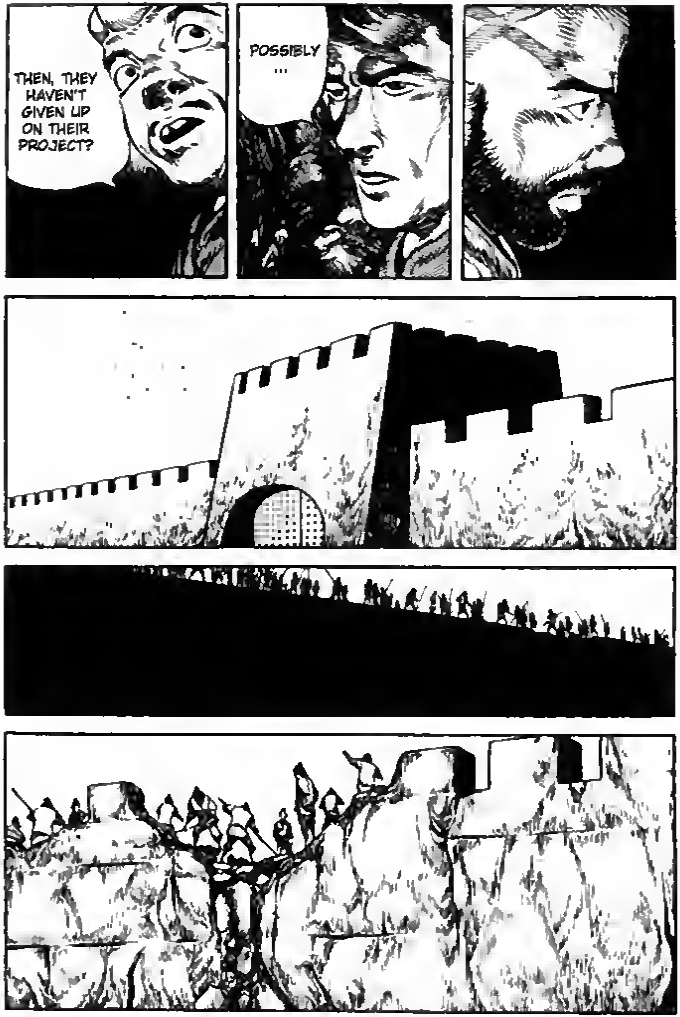


EVERY-THING IS CALM
YES, TOO CALM
NIMAE'S DISGUISE MUST'VE BEEN EFFEC-TIVE
THE PEOPLE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT MUST'VE THOUGHT THAT FUZEN FLED
BUT THEN, WHY ARE THE PEOPLE SO QUIET?
TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE WON'T CHANGE THEIR MINDS, THEY MUST'VE KEPT QUIET ABOUT FUZEN'S DIS-APPEARNCE


THEN, THEY HAVEN'T GIVEN UP ON THEIR PROJECT?
POSSIBLY ...

I DID NOT SEE FUZEN TODAY
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? ISN'T THAT HIM OVER THERE?
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ALIVE, FUZEN? WHAT A JOKE!

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THERE TOO, IT'S HIM!
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HEY, YOU, CAN YOU PLEASE TAKE OVER AS GUARD FOR A WHILE, I DON'T FEEL TOO GOOD!
IT'S NOT MY TURN!
I'M GONNA BE SICK!
GROUI
GROUI
'SCUSE ME, I'LL BE BACK SOON!
NIMAE, WHAT'RE THE PEOPLE UP TO?
I SAW A FEW MEN DISGUISED AS FUZEN
I SEE... NOW IT MAKES SENSE

GOOD, IN THAT CASE, NIMAE, YOU SHOULD SPREAD A RUMOUR THAT FUZEN HAS GIVEN UP ON THIS CITY AND FLED
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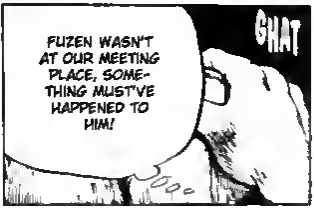
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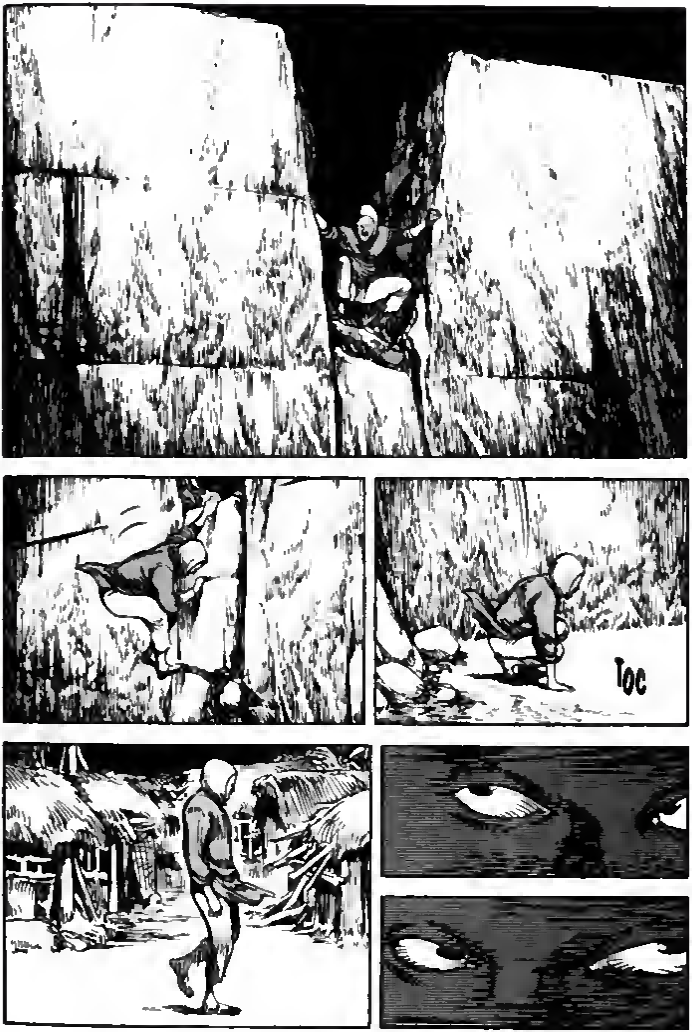
FUZEN WASN'T AT OUR MEETING PLACE, SOMETHING MUST'VE HAPPENED TO HIM!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WHAT? DID FUZEN FLEE?!?
HE WASN'T BRAVE ENOUGH TO START THE REVOLT. THIS MORNING AT DAWN, HE LEFT THE CITY!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HE COULD DO SUCH A THING!
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WHAT A BASTARD! WHAT A TRAITOR!
TA
OUAAA-AAAH ! !
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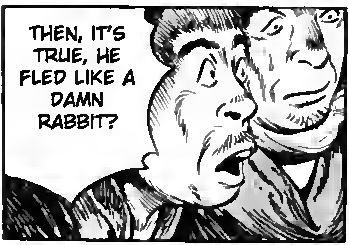
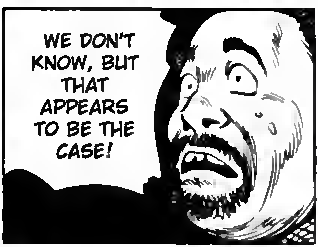
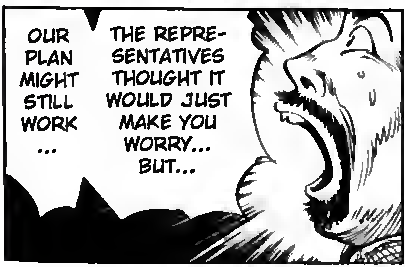
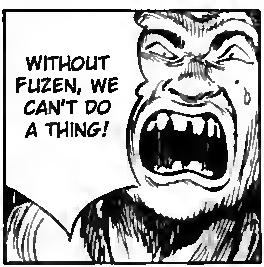
TA TA TA
IT'S WORKING !
HEY, CALM DOWN!
WAYA
WAYA
WAYA
STOP!

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US,
YOU, WHO WAS OUR REPRESENTATIVE?
I'M... I'M SORRY ...


THEN, IT'S TRUE, HE FLED LIKE A DAMN RABBIT?


WE DON'T KNOW, BUT THAT APPEARS TO BE THE CASE!


OUR PLAN MIGHT STILL WORK ...
THE REPRESENTATIVES THOUGHT IT WOULD JUST MAKE YOU WORRY... BUT...


WITHOUT FUZEN, WE CAN'T DO A THING!

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT IT WON'T WORK IF THE LEADER FLEES!
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THE REBELLION HAS BEEN CANCELLED! HIHI!
HI HI !!
NO! YOU MUST REVOLT!
WHO IS THAT?
I AM A SOLDIER OF SHIN!

SHIN ?
A S-SOLDIER ?
AND WHY HAVE YOU COME HERE?
RISKING HIS OWN LIFE, FUZEN RETURNED TO OUR CAMP,
AND HE TOLD US ABOUT YOUR PLOT. HE CAME AND ASKED US FOR ASSISTANCE, ALL BECAUSE OF YOU, THE PEOPLE OF THE EAST!
THE NOBLE GENERAL WANIJA HAS CHOSEN TO LISTEN TO YOU
YOU, THE PEOPLE OF THE EAST, WILL BE GREETED WITH OPEN ARMS BY THE PEOPLE OF SHIN!
HOORAY !!!
VICTORY !!!

FUZEN DID NOT FLEE,
HE RISKED HIS LIFE FOR OUR CAUSE!
HE IS OUR HERO!
WAYA WAYA
SHIT, THEY'VE TURNED IT ALL AGAINST US!
NOW, IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO PREVENT THE REBELLION!
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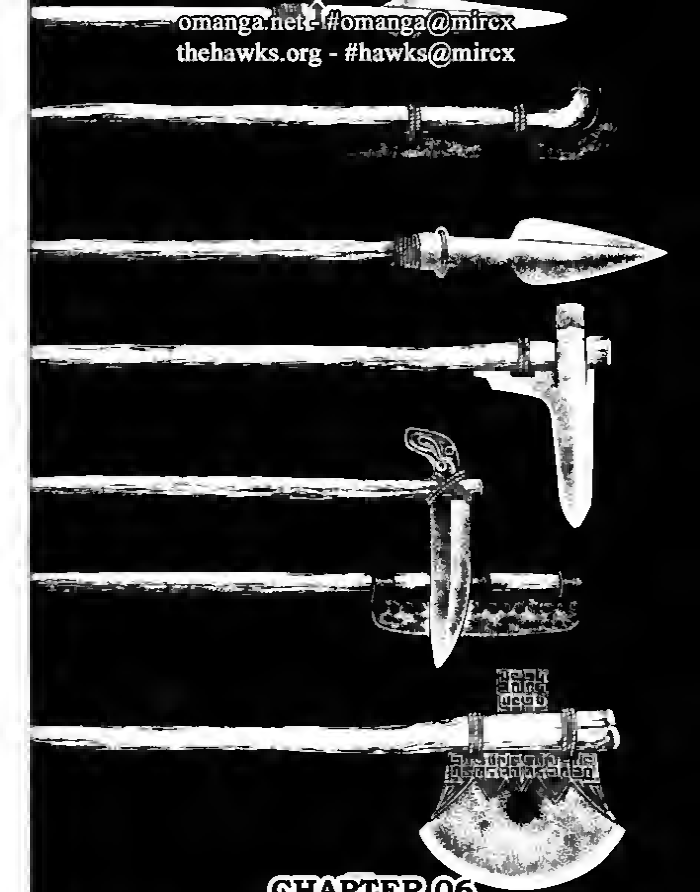

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TAKING CARE OF THE WEAPONS

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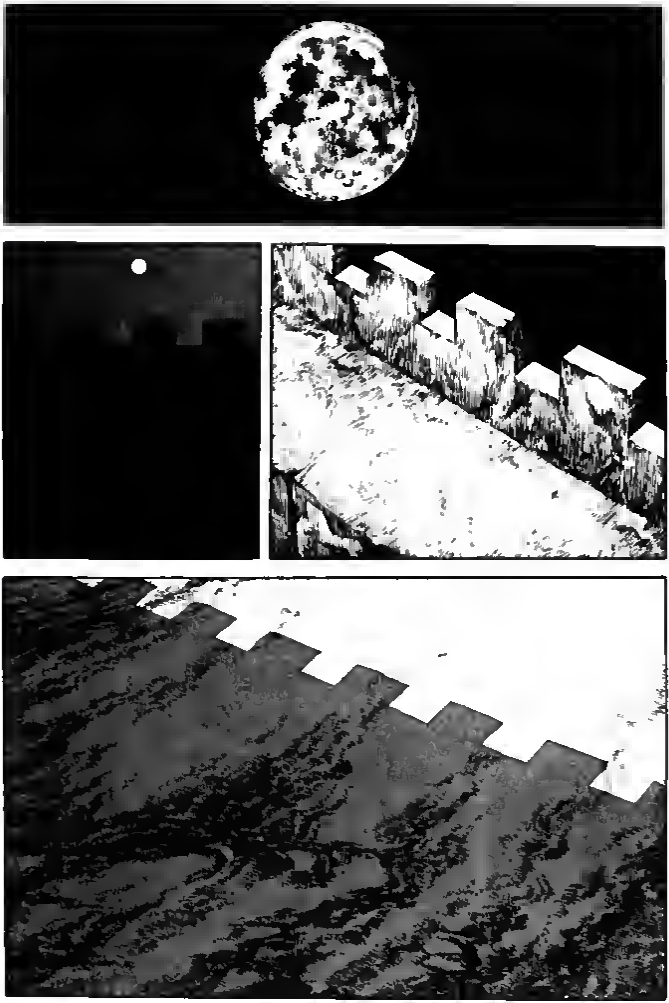


THE ARMY OF SHIN ARRIVES TOMORROW MORNING!
TOMOR-ROW MORNING ?!?
AH, FINALLY !

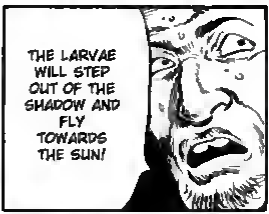
LOOK UP THERE!
FLA
AS SOON AS SHIN'S ARMY APPEARS IN THE HORIZON, THE WARRIOR WILL WAVE HIS WHITE FLAG,
IT WILL BE THE SIGNAL WHICH WILL START THE REBELLION!
YOU WILL PICK UP YOUR WEAPONS AND RUN TO THE ROYAL PALACE!

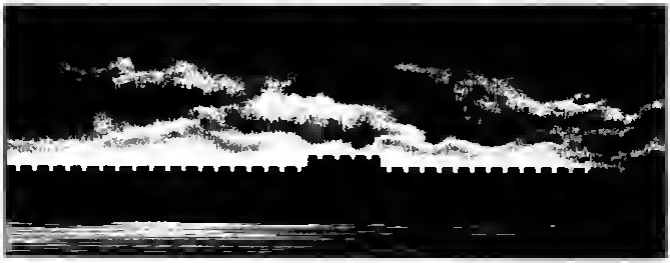
BUT STILL...
WON'T FUZEN RETURN TO US?
EH! WE STILL NEED HIM!
HIM, BEING ALL ALONE, WILL HE REALLY BE SAFE...
.....
HEY, DON'T WORRY, FUZEN WILL BE AMONG THE SOL-DIERS,
HE'LL BE WEARING HIS ARMOUR!
OOOH !!

I WOULD'VE WANTED TO PROVIDE ARMOUR FOR EVERYONE, AND INTEGRATE YOU INTO OUR ARMY, BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE

I WONDER WHAT REALLY HAPPEND TO FUZEN!
HE DESERVES THE HONOUR FOR THIS. I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT HE WOULD HAVE BEEN HERE TO DIRECT THEM

SOON THE SUN WILL RISE
FOR US, A NEW LIFE IS ABOUT TO START!


THE LARVAE WILL STEP OUT OF THE SHADOW AND FLY TOWARDS THE SUN!



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EH!
IT'S NOTHING, JUST A CAT! HAHA!
SHSH
SHSH

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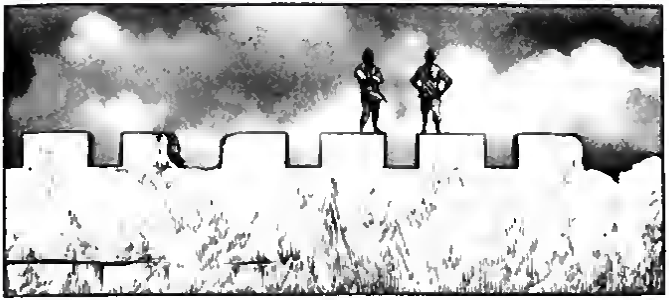
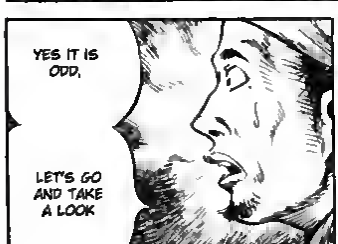
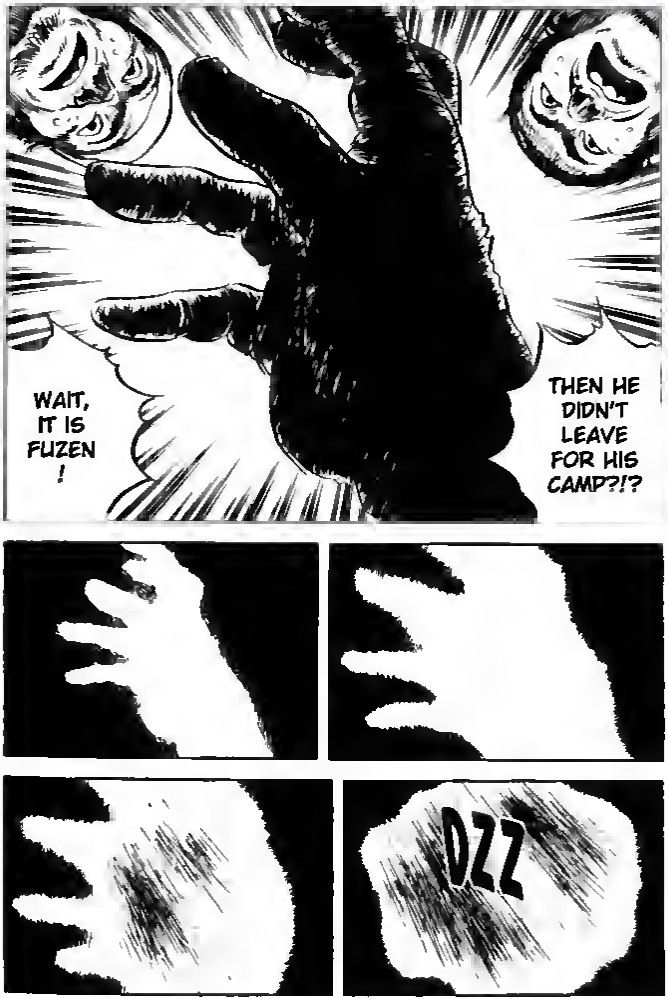
I'M SORRY, I GOT HELD UP!
IT IS BY THIS MORNING THAT SHIN WILL ATTACK
HUH, THIS MORNING ?
IT'LL BE BRIGHT SOON, WE HAVE LITTLE TIME LEFT! I DON'T LIKE IT,
BUT WE MUST INFORM THE THREE GENERALS OF THE REBELLION!



WHY HAVE THE RAVENS GATHERED OVER THERE?


YES IT IS ODD.
LET'S GO AND TAKE A LOOK

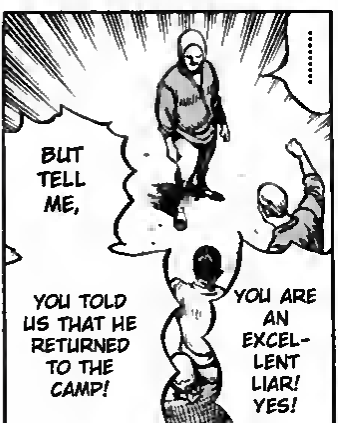
CROA
FLP
FLP
OH GOD! IT REALLY WAS A CORPSE!
BUT WHY IS IT OUT HERE?

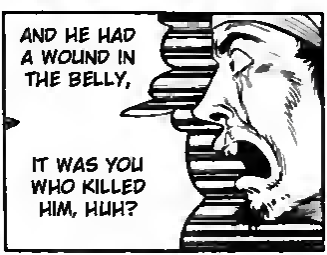

WAIT, IT IS FUZEN !
THEN HE DIDN'T LEAVE FOR HIS CAMP?!?
DZZ

DZZ
I'M NOT DEAD YET...
I WILL RETURN !!
W... WAIT!

DZZ
GHIEURK
WAIT!
FLIP
FLOP
IMPOSSIBLE, YOU CAN'T SEE ANYTHING IN THIS RAIN!
LAST EVENING, FUZEN WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED, HE HAD COLLAPSED IN A QUAGMIRE, NOT FAR FROM THE RAMPARTS

WHAT, FUZEN, DEAD?


.....
BUT TELL ME,
YOU TOLD US THAT HE RETURNED TO THE CAMP!
YOU ARE AN EXCEL-LENT LIAR! YES!


AND HE HAD A WOUND IN THE BELLY,
IT WAS YOU WHO KILLED HIM, HUH?

NO, NO, IT WASN'T ME!

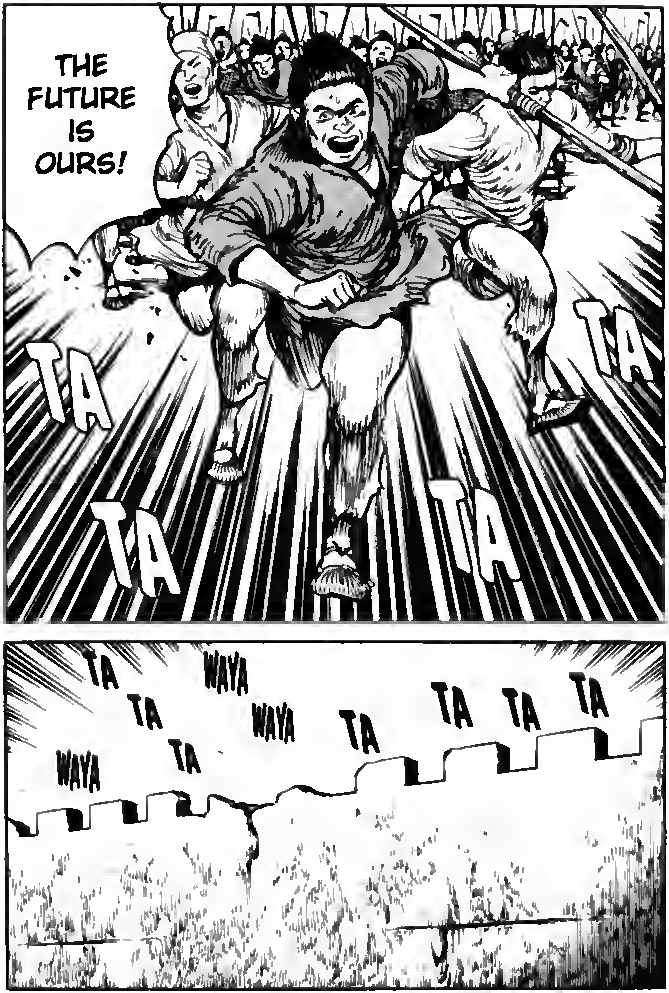
FUZEN DISAP-
PEARS, AND
THEN YOU
APPEAR RIGHT
AFTERWARDS.
THERE'S NO WAY
THAT CAN BE A
COINCIDENCE!
.....
NO MATTER
HOW YOU
LOOK AT IT,
IT ALL ADDS
UP TO THE
SAME THING!
YES, LET US
DELAY OUR
UPRISING UNTIL
THIS BUSINESS
HAS BEEN
CLEARED UP
EH!
OH!
THE
WHITE
FLAG!
SHIN'S
ATTACK-
ING!

WAVA
WAVA
TA
TA
TA
TA

WAVA
WAVA

OH NO! WHEN THEY SAW THE WHITE FLAG,
THE PEOPLE OF THE EAST ALL STARTED RUNNING!

THAT'S IT, GO ON, RUN STRAIGHT TO HELL!


THE FUTURE IS OURS!
TA
TA
TA
TA
TA
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TA
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WAYA
WAYA
WAYA

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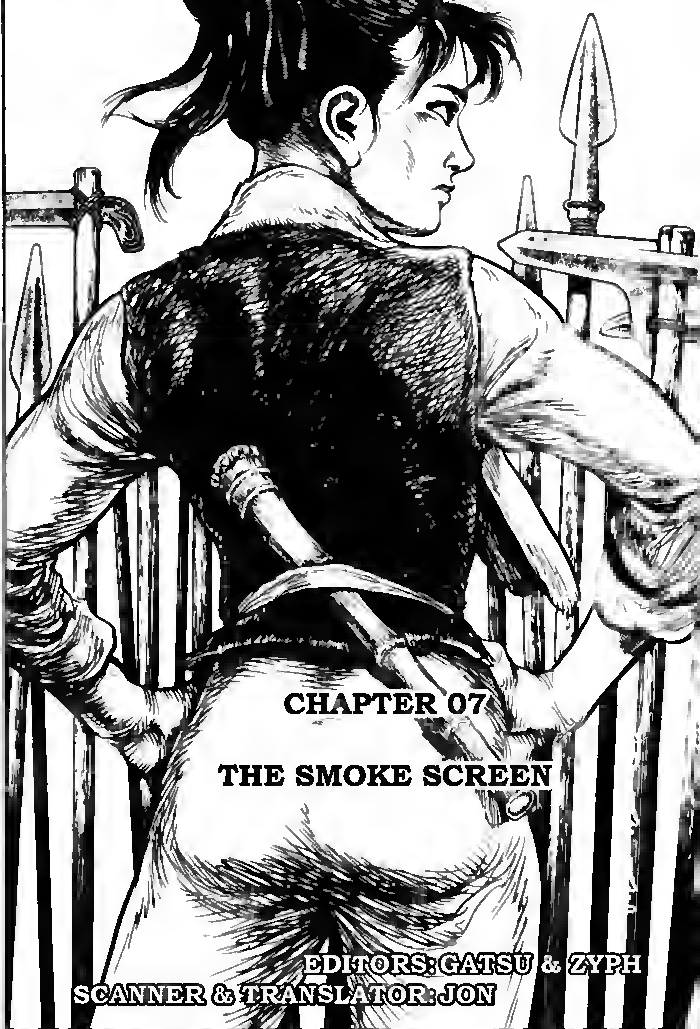

CHAPTER 07

THE SMOKE SCREEN

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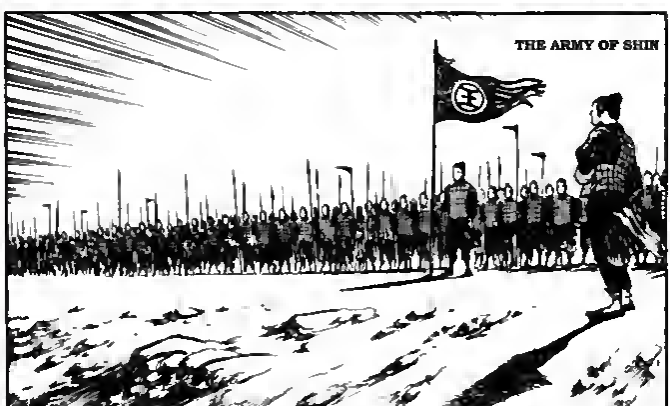
GO, GO, GO!
OUA-AAH !
OUAA-AAH !
AAAALLL RIGHT!

OUAA-
AAH
!
TA TA TA TA TA


THE ARMY OF SHIN

TA
TA
TA
WAYA
WAYA
GENERAL, THEY HAVE STARTED THE REBELLION!
LET US COMMENCE THE ATTACK IMMEDIATELY!
THE REBELLION... I'M NOT SURE
PERHAPS THEY ARE ONLY OVERWHELMED
LET'S WAIT A WHILE, JUST TO MAKE SURE!
GENERAL WANIJA

B... BUT...
MOREOVER, WHY HAVEN'T THEY OPENED THE GATE?
FUZEN WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF IT!
.....
BIND HIM TIGHTLY!
GRRR
WE WON'T LET YOU OPEN THIS GATE!
YOU LIED TO US, SO HOW COULD WE POSSIBLY TRUST THE SOLDIERS OF SHIN NOW?

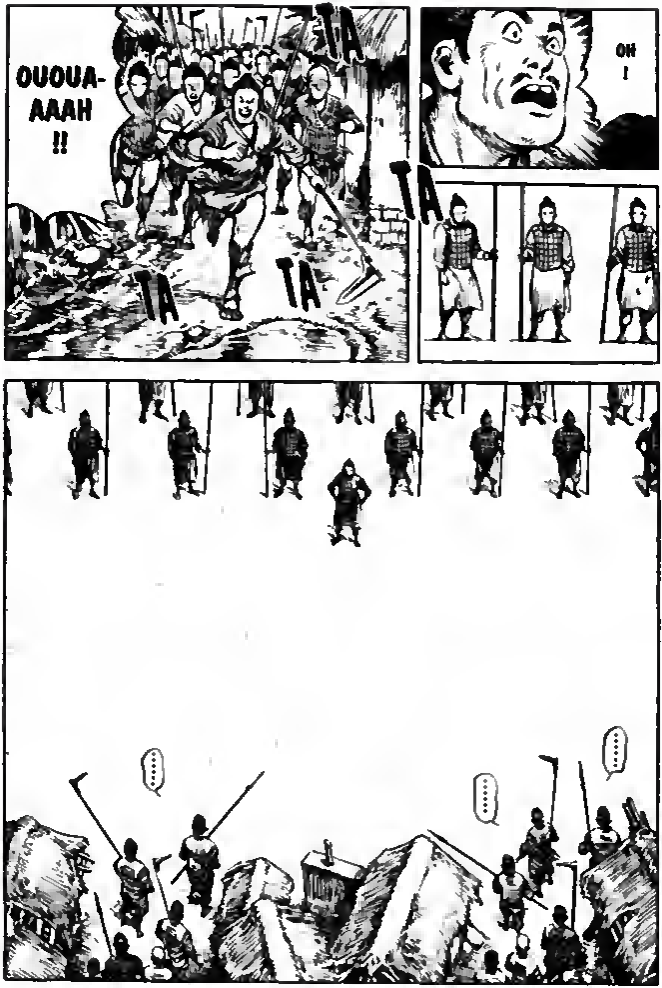
IT'S TRUE, BUT... THE REVOLT HAS ALREADY STARTED
.....
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE TO DO, LET'S ATTACK!
FORWARD! CONQUER THIS WALL FOR ME!
WAAH
WAAH
TA
TA
TA
TA

TA
TA
TA
TA
TA
TATATAC
SOLDIERS OF TCHO!
THIS WALL IS FULL OF CRACKS, THEY'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO DEFEND IT!
TA
TA
TA

TA TA TA
TA TA TA
THE STREETS ARE FULL OF PEOPLE HEADING TOWARDS THE CENTER OF THE CITY!
THE RIOT WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF BY SOU. WHAT WORRIES ME IS SHIN!

MAYA
MAYA
MAYA
MAYA
EVEN THOUGH WE'VE GOT SOLDIERS TO DEFEND THE WALL, I DON'T THINK THEY'LL BE ABLE TO HOLD THEM OFF FOR LONG!
GO AHEAD NIMAE,
THE SIGNAL!
FLUP
THE SIGNAL!
WAAH
SHSH
CHOC

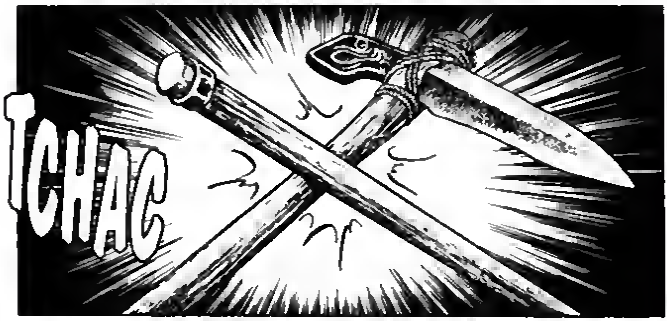
HAHAHAHA! ALL OF THE CITY IS IN FLAMES,
THE REBELS OF THE EAST HAVE MADE A BEAUTIFUL MESS OF THIS CITY!
IT'LL ALL BE OVER BEFORE TOMOR-ROW!
HA
HA
HA
STRANGE, THE SMOKE COMES IN REGULAR INTER-VALS...


OUOUA-
AAAH
!!
TA
TA
TA
TA
OH
!

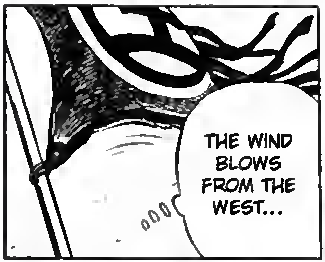
IMBECILES! KAKURI HAS ALREADY WARNED ME OF YOU
TAKE ANOTHER STEP IN THIS DIRECTION AND YOU WILL ALL DIE!
GENERAL SOU HONSHEN
W... WE'VE BEEN BETRAYED!
DON'T GIVE UP!
THE SOLDIERS OF SHIN'LL BE HERE SOON!
TS

HOP
OH! THEY REVERSED THEIR WEAPONS!
DOES THAT MEAN THAT THEY DO NOT WANT TO KILL US?
IDIOTS! REMEMBER HOW THEY TREATED US!
OUR LIVES ARE TO BE WITH SHIN!
TSA

WAAH
WAAH


TCHAC

WOOOH
OUAH!
OUAH! THE SMOKE'S SEEPING THROUGH THE HOLES!


THE WIND BLOWS FROM THE WEST...

WHAT IF THIS FIRE IS THE WORK OF THE SOLDIERS OF TCHO AND NOT OF THE REBELS?

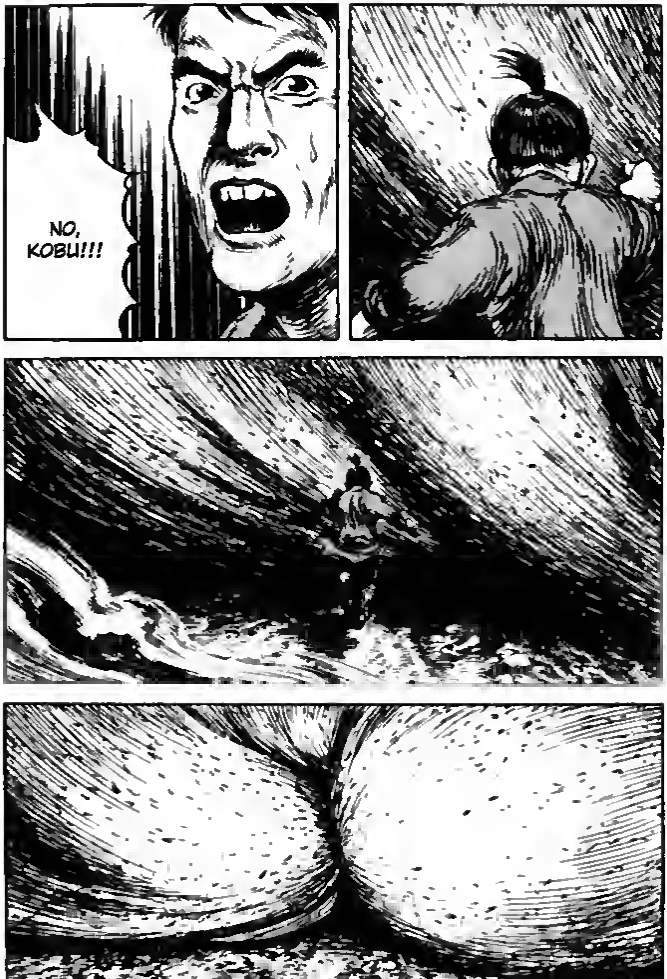
WOOOH

BURN WELL, BEAUTIFUL FIRE!
WOOOH

BY SETTING FIRE TO THE LODGES OF THE EASTERN REGION, THEY HAVE CREATED A WALL OF SMOKE
THAT'S JUST LIKE SOMETHING KAKURI WOULD DO, HE'S THE MAN!
YES, BUT IF THE WIND TURNS,
WE'RE THE ONES WHO'LL BE SORRY!
EN
I
THE CHIL-DREN!
ARE THERE STILL PEOPLE HERE?
RHEUT
RHEUT

FORGIVE US MISTER, WE HAD HIDDEN OURSELVES, WE WERE SCARED!
BUT WE'RE NOT COWARDS, WE WILL ALSO FIGHT!
THROW THAT AWAY, WEAPONS AREN'T FOR KIDS!
TOC
ARE THERE STILL CHILDREN LEFT?
I... I THINK SO!

KOBU!
TSA


NO, KOBU!!!

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CHAPTER 08

THE VOLCANIC CLOUD

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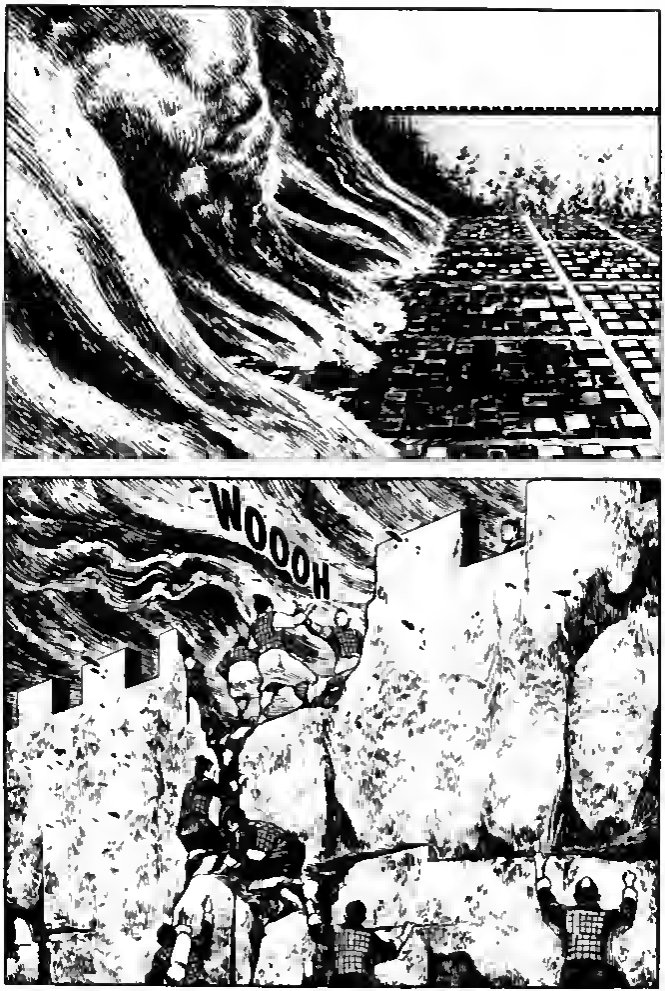
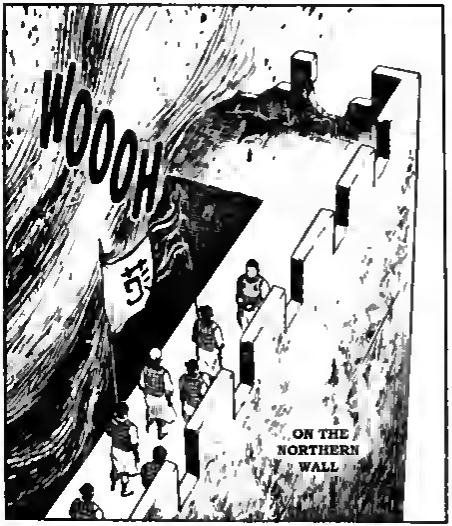

WOOOH

WOOOH
COUGH! COUGH!
LET US DRIVE BACK THE SOLDIERS OF TCHO AND TAKE THIS WALL!
WE MUST RETREAT!
ALRIGHT! THEY'RE LEAVING!
QUICKLY, CLIMB THE WALL!


WOOOH
ON THE NORTHERN WALL

NOT A SINGLE SOLDIER OF SHIN WHO CLIMBS UP HERE MUST PENETRATE OUR DEFENSE, UNDERSTOOD?!?
GENERAL HANKYO

WOOOH
THE SOUTHERN RAMPART
DON'T LET ANYONE GET THROUGH HERE!
GENERAL YOUJIN
SHIN'S ARMY
WOOOH
HEY, IF WE TRY TO GET INSIDE THE CITY THIS WAY WE'LL BE KILLED!

DON'T GO DOWN THERE, THE SMOKE IS DANGEROUS, YOU'LL DIE!
WELL THEN, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GO OPEN THE GATE!
WOOOH
TA
TA
IS THERE SOMEBODY THERE?
TA

YES!
KIDS, ARE YOU OK?
DON'T WORRY, I'LL GET YOU OUT OF HERE!
WOOOH
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GO BACK THE WAY I CAME!
WE MUST GET UP ON THAT WALL!

RUN!

OH! THE WHOLE WALL HAS BEEN ENGULFED IN SMOKE!

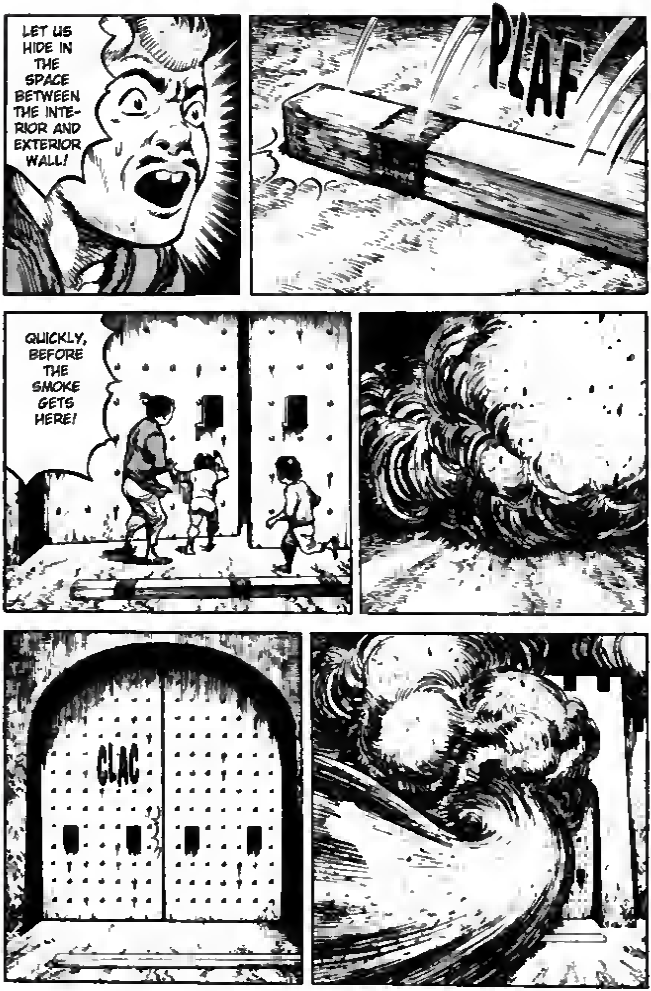
WE'RE TRAPPED!

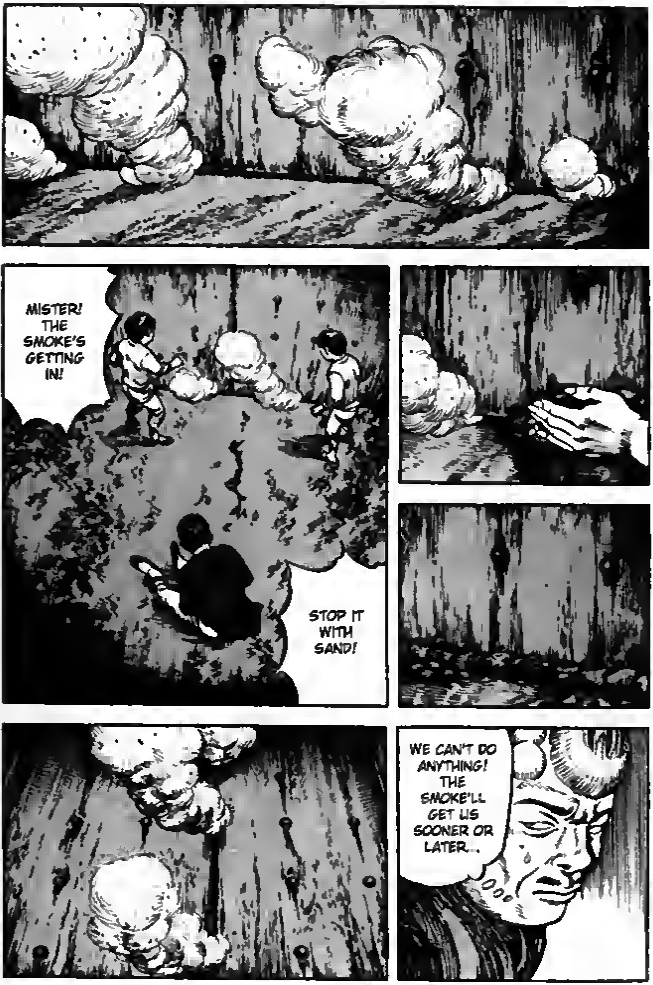
RHEUT
RHEUT

RRRAAH
!!

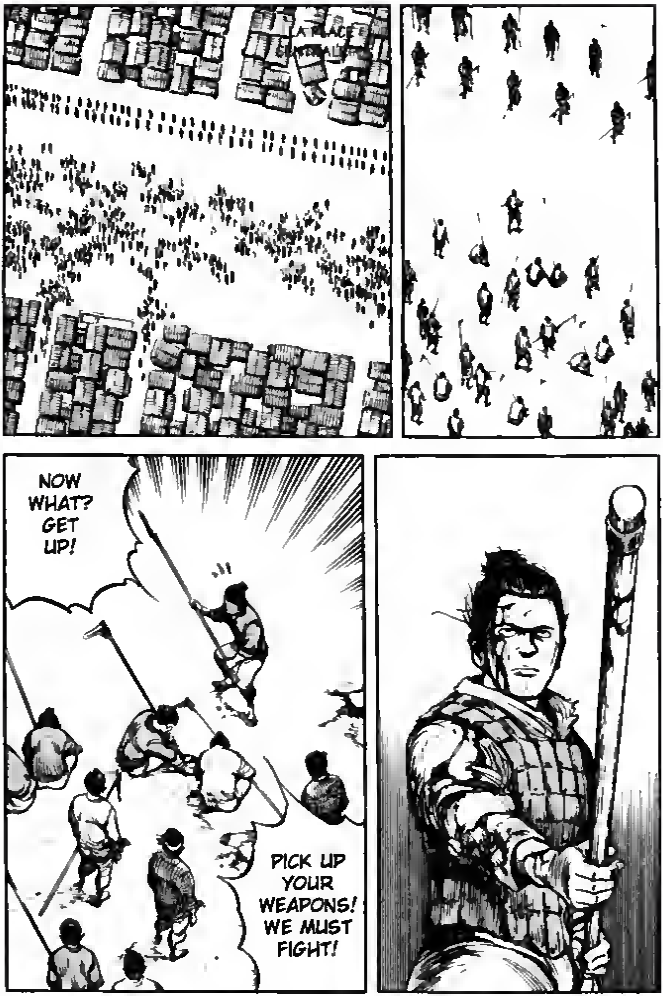
A SOLDIER OF SHIN!

TCHOK
I'LL BE OK!
ARE YOU HURT?


LET US HIDE IN THE SPACE BETWEEN THE INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR WALL!
PLAF
QUICKLY, BEFORE THE SMOKE GETS HERE!
CLAC


MISTER! THE SMOKE'S GETTING IN!
STOP IT WITH SAND!
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING! THE SMOKE'LL GET US SOONER OR LATER...

OUTSIDE,
THERE'RE HOSTILE SOLDIERS, THERE ISN'T ANY WAY WE CAN LEAVE!
.....
HEY, ACT LIKE MEN! YOU SHOULDN'T CRY!


A PLACE
NOW WHAT? GET UP!
PICK UP YOUR WEAPONS! WE MUST FIGHT!

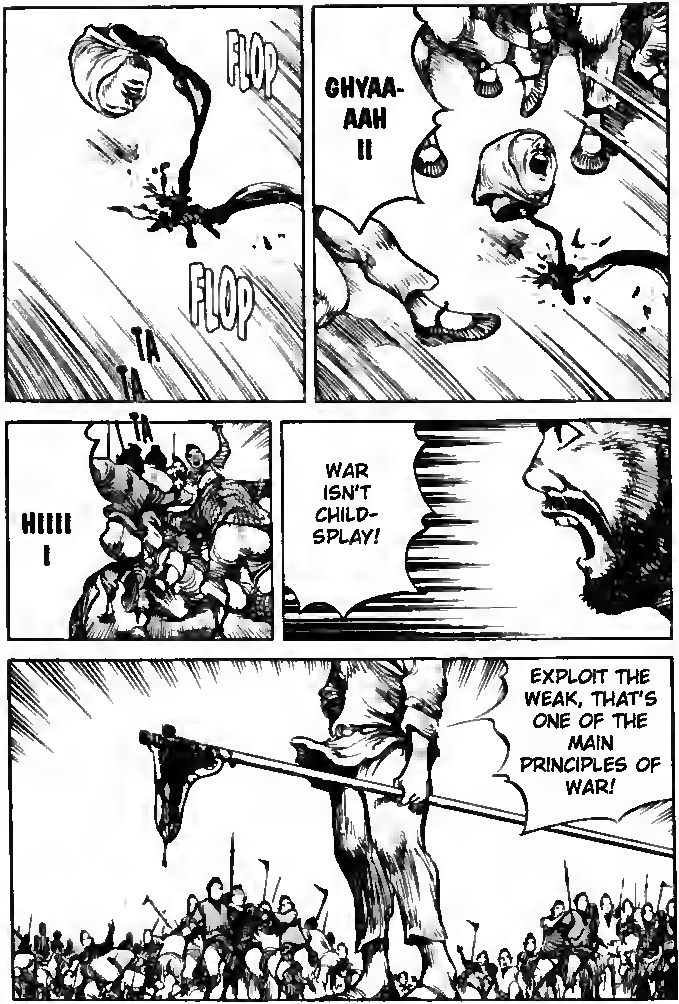
NO, WE CAN'T DO THAT ...
THEY... THEY DON'T WANT TO KILL US, EVEN THOUGH WE ATTACK THEM!
BLOBL
LET'S GIVE UP THIS STUPID REBEL-LION!
LET'S GIVE UP!

FUZEN DIDN'T RETURN TO HIS CAMP,
HE WAS KILLED RIGHT OUTSIDE THE WALLS OF THE CITY!
THIS BASTARD LIED TO US!!!
WHAT?
TA TA TA

HAVE FAITH IN THE ARMY OF SHIN! DO WHAT'S EXPECTED OF YOU!
TAKE THE WEAPONS IN YOUR HANDS AND ATTACK! SCREAM ON TOP OF YOUR LUNGS SO THAT OUR GENERAL CAN HERE YOU FROM OUTSIDE!
DZA
DZA
!!
DZA
DZA

DJJJ

TCH
OC


FLOP
FLOP
TA
TA
GHYAA-
AAH
!!
TA
HIEEE
!
WAR
ISN'T
CHILD-
SPLAY!
EXPLOIT THE
WEAK, THAT'S
ONE OF THE
MAIN
PRINCIPLES OF
WAR!

THE PEOPLE OF THE EAST HAVE BEEN OPPRESSED, BUT THIS IS STILL YOUR CITY!
NOW MOUNT THE WALLS WITH WEAPONS IN YOUR HANDS!
YOU MUST GIVE YOUR LIFE FOR THIS CITY!

.....
.....

THE FIRE CONTINUES TO WORSEN!
IF THE SMOKE REMAINS, IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ATTACK!
GENERAL WANIJA
OH! MISTER!

CHAPTER 09

THE DEATH OF KOBU

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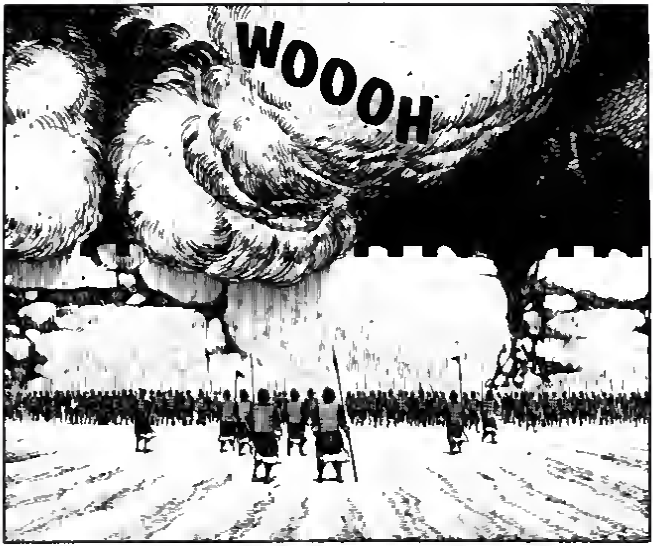
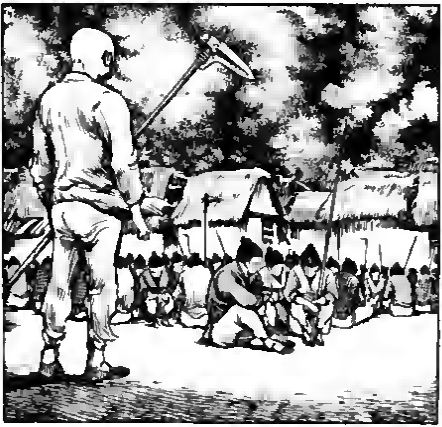

WOOOH



THE SMOKE IS STARTING TO DISAP-PEAR
THE ENEMY WILL SOON TRY TO CLIMB THE WALLS AGAIN!

PICK UP YOUR WEAPONS! EVERY-ONE MUST MOUNT THE WALLS! DEFEND YOUR TERRITORY, GOD-DAMMIT!

.....
.....

PFFT! DON'T EVEN BOTHER WITH THOSE BASTARDS!

WHAF
ICH
HII
!!
DZA
GRRGL
!
BUT,
GENERAL
!
SILENCE
!!
.....

I WON'T LET YOU TREAT MY MEN LIKE GARBAGE!
WHAT ...
OH, KAKUR! !!
KOBU WENT INTO THE SMOKE TO SAVE SOME CHILDREN!
TA
TA
TA

TA
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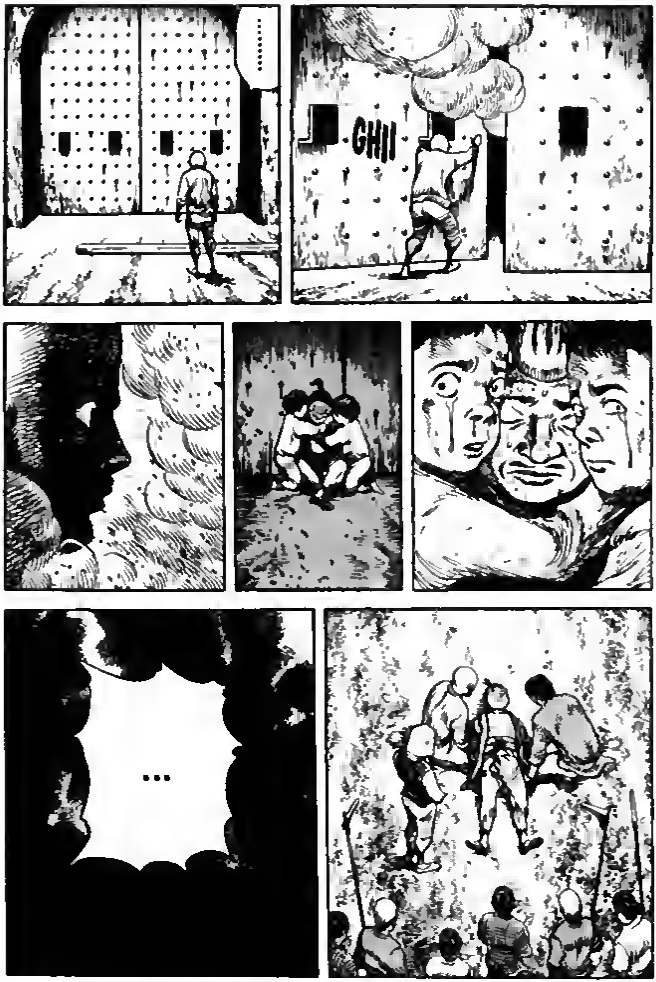
TA
WOOOH
WOOOH
KOOBUU!

КООВШИ!

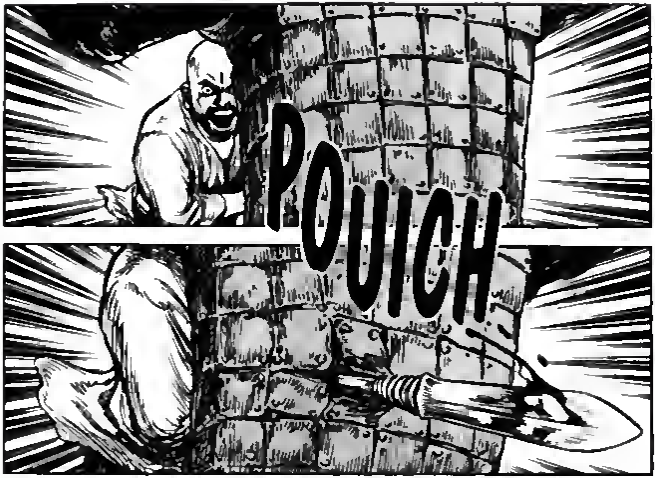
КОООВШИ!


.....
GHII
...

SNIF
SNIF
AHA
AHA
YUNJI, RETURN KOBU TO HIS HOME IN KAN
NEAR THE CHILDREN
OKAY

THANK YOU... KAKURI...
.....
MISTER KAKURI! THE ENEMY'S CLIMBING THE WALLS!
WOUAAH
WOUAAH
TSA

!?
WOUAAH


POUICH

OU... OUNTCH !!
TA-TA-TA

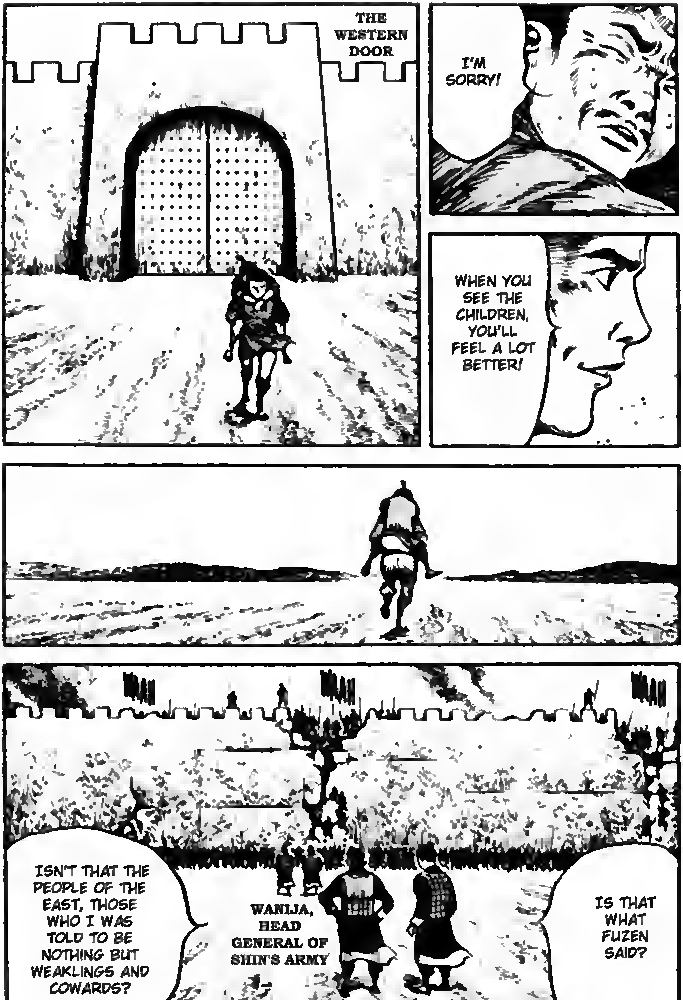
POUICH
CHYA-AAH !!

OH
OH
OH

PLAF

GHYAA

SPLASH
THE SMOKE IS DISAP-PEARING,
THE SOL-DIERS OF SHIN ARE ATTACKING!
EVERYONE TO THE WALL, QUICKLY!
YEAH! LET'S GO!
IF THEY TRY TO GET UP, WE MUST FORCE THEM DOWN AGAIN!


THE WESTERN DOOR
I'M SORRY!
WHEN YOU SEE THE CHILDREN, YOU'LL FEEL A LOT BETTER!
ISN'T THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE EAST, THOSE WHO I WAS TOLD TO BE NOTHING BUT WEAKLINGS AND COWARDS?
WANIJA, HEAD GENERAL OF SHIN'S ARMY
IS THAT WHAT FUZEN SAID?

OU... OUAFF !
ICHOK
THERE'RE TOO MANY CASUAL-TIES AND WOUNDED MEN...
WE'LL BE BETTER OFF RETREATING FOR TODAY!
DZA
DZA
THE ENEMY'S RETREAT-ING!

AH KAKURI!
IS THAT YOU? HAHAHAHA!
AHA-HAH!
WANIJA!

DJJ
SHSH
AH AH AH
TOC
YOU WILL SEE, I WILL HAVE YOUR HEAD!

WE'VE LOST ALL OUR HOMES, THIS WILL BE THE END OF US!
WE MUST REBUILD EVERY-THING...
... AND START AGAIN FROM SCRATCH!
YUNJI, YOU'RE JUST LIKE ME, NOT VERY IMPOR-TANT...
IN COMBAT WE'RE USELESS !
HOWEVER, WE MUST STAND BESIDE KAKURI...
...HE DOESN'T COPE WELL WITH LONELI-NESS...
NIMAE SHOULD UNDERSTAND.. FOR A GIRL, SHE IS VERY INDE-PENDENT!
.....
I WOULD'VE LIKED TO LIVE LONGER...
TO STAY WITH ALL OF YOU...

KOBU!
KOBU!

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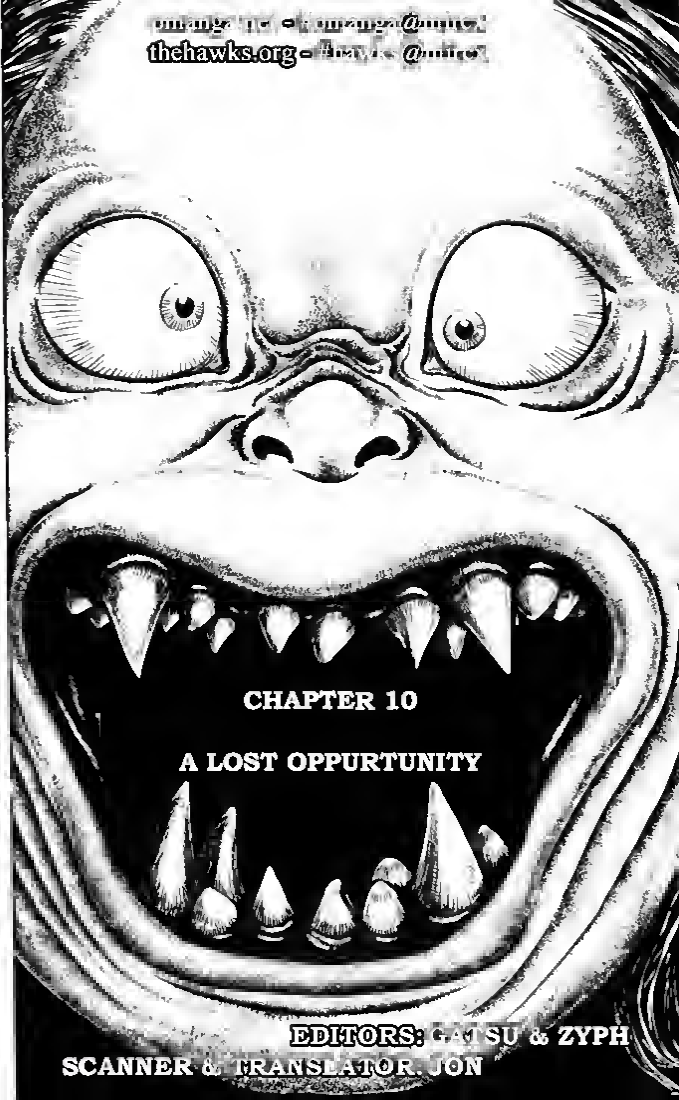

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A LOST OPPURTUNITY

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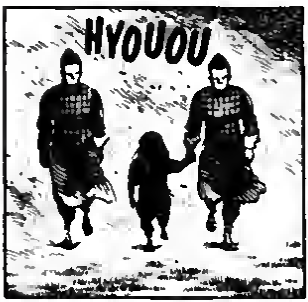
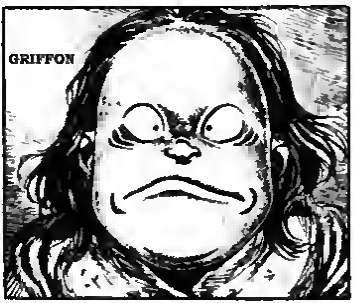
THE CAMP OF
SHIN'S ARMY

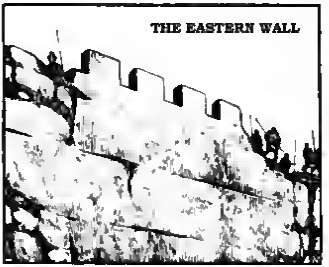

HYOUOU


GRIFFON

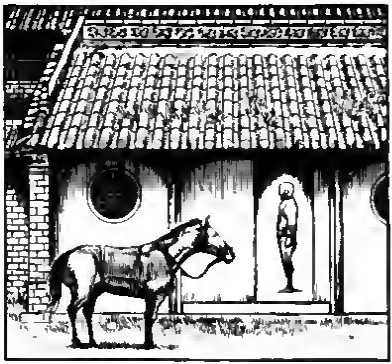
GENERAL WANIJA
WAIT, YOU MUST SHOW THE GENERAL YOUR POWER!
HI
PAIN

GLAG
OOH !!
GRRR
GRRR
GRRR
PFF
TERRIBLE !
WHO IS THIS KID?
WHERE DID YOU FIND HIM?

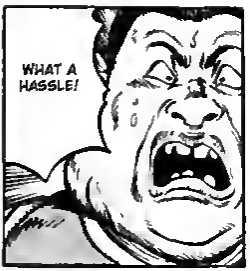
WE WERE MAKING MEASUREMENTS TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A MAP OF THE COUNTRY OF KAN, WE MET HIM IN A CAVE ON ONE OF THE MOUNTAINS
HE FOLLOWED US ARROUND LIKE A DOG
OKAY, YOU CAN TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT LATER...
AND YOU THINK WE CAN USE HIM TO KILL KAKURI?
OKAY, I'LL LET YOU GIVE IT A TRY!
THANK YOU FOR ACCEPTING
WITHOUT THIS KAKURI, TAKING SEI WOULD BE LIKE STEALING CANDY FROM A BABY
HOWEVER, HE'S NOT TO BE KILLED,
IT'S NECESSARY THAT HE REVEALS HIS SECRET NEW WEAPON TO US..
I WANT HIM ALIVE!


THE EASTERN WALL

DON'T THINK OF ALL THE LABOUR, WORK FASTER!

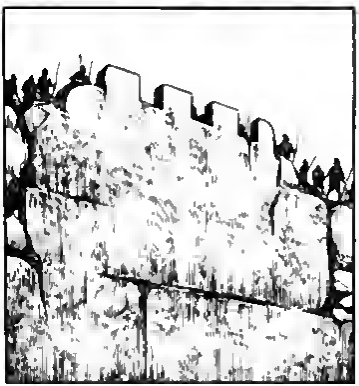


PEOPLE OF THE EAST LOST EVERY-THING IN THE FIRE
I DEMAND THAT YOU GIVE THEM NEW CLOTHES AND SOME FOOD!
GENERAL RANKYO
GENERAL BOU KONSHEN
GENERAL YOUJIN

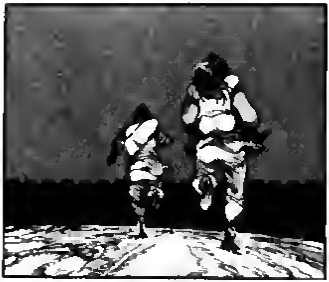

WHAT A HASSLE!

IF YOU REFUSE, I WILL LEAVE THE CITY!

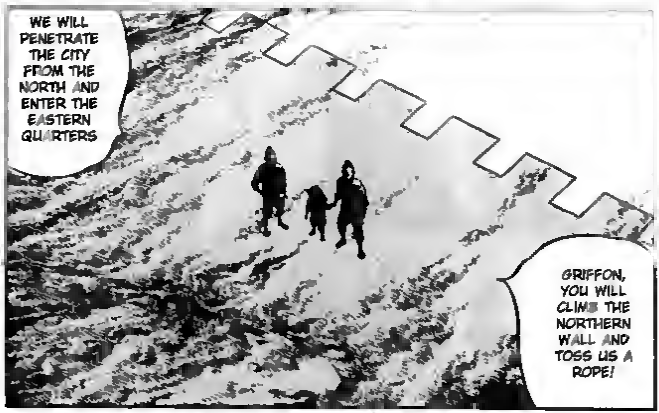
THIS KAKURI, NOW, HE THINKS EVERY-THING'S ALLOWED!



PERHAPS YOU SHOULD TAKE A MOMENT TO REST...



THE NORTHERN WALL


WE WILL PENETRATE THE CITY FROM THE NORTH AND ENTER THE EASTERN QUARTERS
GRIFFON, YOU WILL CLIMB THE NORTHERN WALL AND TOSS US A ROPE!

GRMFF

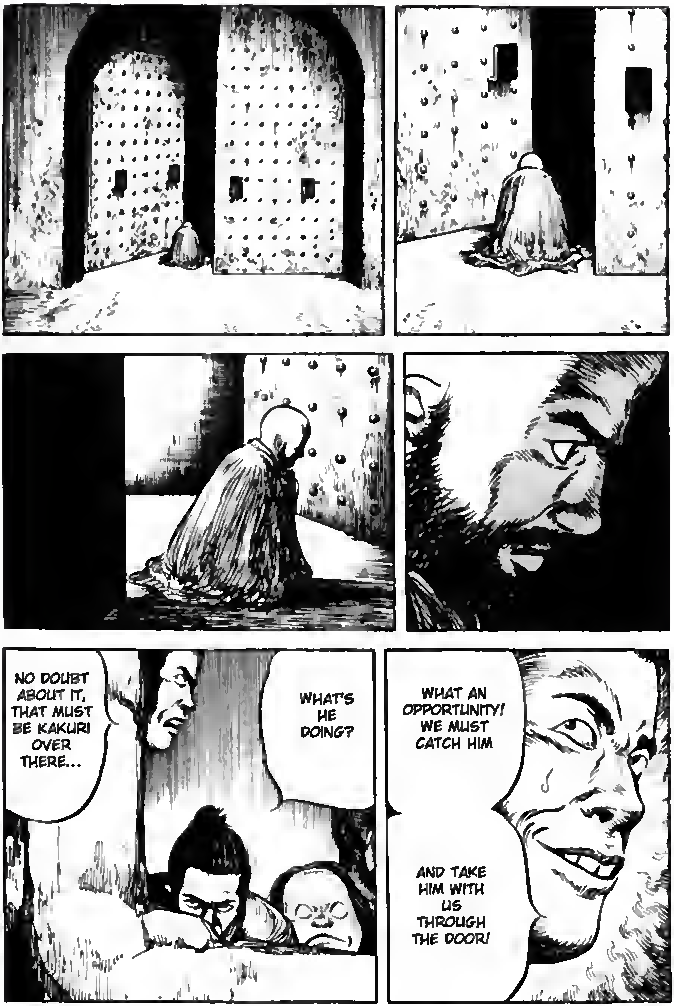
DZZ
CLAC
HEY THERE !
CLOC
CLAC

GRR, GRNFF, GRR !!
GOOD, HE MADE IT!
HOP
IDIOT, TOSS US THE ROPE!
HEY, RETURN!

VLAF
PHEW... THAT DIDN'T MAKE US FEEL VERY REAS-SURED...
HUH? ISN'T GRIFFON HERE ANYMORE?
SHIT! WHO KNOWS WHAT HE'LL DO NOW!
KYAAAH

HELP!
THERE HE IS!

THAT SCREAM, WHERE DID IT COME FROM?
AAH! A VIOLATED WOMAN!
IDIOT, THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR THAT!
TA TA TA TA TA TA TA TA TA
HALT! STOP !
THE EASTERN DISTRICT


NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THAT MUST BE KAKURI OVER THERE...
WHAT'S HE DOING?
WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY! WE MUST CATCH HIM
AND TAKE HIM WITH US THROUGH THE DOOR!

GO GRIFFON, ATTACK!
GHYAA
HE'S APPROACH-ING!
DZA

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WHY WAS HE CRYING? LET'S GO CHECK!
NOTHING! ...THIS IS BAD,
WE MISSED A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY!
IT'S NOT ALL BAD, AT LEAST WE'VE IDENTIFIED HIM
WE WILL TAKE HIM TOMOR-ROW!

THE UNEXPECTED TEARS OF KAKURI HAD MADE THE SOLDIERS HESITATE. IN THE DARKNESS, THEY HAD NOT NOTICED THAT THE CAUSE OF THESE TEARS WAS JUST BENEATH THEIR FEET. IT WAS THE BLOODY HANDPRINT LEFT ON THE GROUND BY KOBU. THESE MEN COULDN'T UNDERSTAND THAT KAKURI WAS CRYING BECAUSE OF THE DEATH OF HIS FRIEND. KOBU'S SPIRIT WAS WHAT HAD SAVED KAKURI!